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Tēnā koe Kevin

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 20 September 2024, in which you asked:

Are there any grazing concession in place for the Waiwhakaiho Road Conservation area, bordering the Meeting of the Waters Scenic Reserve, south of New Plymouth City. If so please prove a copy of the documentation.

Is the land under the Freedom Camping Act.

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *Are there any grazing concession in place for the Waiwhakaiho Road Conservation area? If so please prove a copy of the documentation.*

There are no active grazing concessions for Waiwhakaiho Road Conservation Area.

2. *Is the land under the Freedom Camping Act?*

Freedom camping means to camp on public land outside of a formal campsite (on the side of a road, at a parking area, by the coast etc) using:

- a motor vehicle,
- tent,
- bivouac,
- or another type of temporary structure.

See the full definition of freedom camping in the [Freedom Camping Act 2011](#).

Freedom camping is allowed on much of DOC managed public conservation land – but there are exceptions, and special conditions apply in some areas.

See the following website for information regarding freedom camping on Public Conservation Land: [Freedom camping: Stay at a DOC campsite](#).

For information regarding freedom camping on council managed lands in the New Plymouth District, see the following website: [Freedom camping \(npdc.govt.nz\)](#).

Please note that this letter may be published on the Department's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philippa Fox', with a stylized, cursive script.

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Te Papa Atawhai