

Ref: DOIA 17-039

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Rhys McAlevey

By email: fyi-request-4509-471c9cf3@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Rhys,

Thank you for your official information request as received on 26 August 2016 by the Department of Conservation (DoC).

The second part of your request was transferred to Land Information New Zealand by DoC on the 7th of September 2016 and you have requested:

"2. Access negotiations to Ruataniwha Conservation Park as a part of the tenure review of Ferintosh Station with Mrs Marion Seymour, the Lessee of Fernitosh pastoral lease and any other party."

In our service provider's Report and Recommendation for a Preliminary Proposal for the Ferintosh tenure review, there are some discussions around access to the Ruataniwha Conservation Area. These discussions around access have occurred between the parties consulted in the tenure review including the lessee, DoC and our service provider.

The parties are currently in a formal consultation process toward a Preliminary Proposal and the Commissioner of Crown Lands (the Commissioner) is yet to make a statutory decision on whether to put the Preliminary Proposal to the lessee.

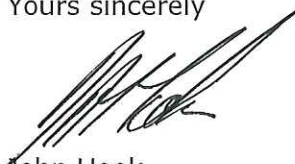
As such, this information is being withheld under section 9(2)(j) of the Official Information Act. Releasing the information as requested at this time may prejudice, compromise or disadvantage current discussions and negotiations.

Once the recommendation is approved to proceed by LINZ and the Commissioner makes his statutory decision to put the Preliminary Proposal to the lessee, the information around access is likely be made available when the tenure review reaches Public Advertising.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mike Sherman, Portfolio Manager, Crown Property on 03 374 3845 or email msherman@linz.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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