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File Ref: OIA 48326

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 20 February 2024. You asked for the following information:

“We are a new Trust and are wanting some information on a cancellation of one of our reservations. We are wanting to know if your department has any documentation regarding our old mataitai reservation cancellation.”

Your request was transferred to Te Puni Kōkiri on the 12th of March from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), under section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

We have not identified any documentation held by Te Puni Kōkiri that is within the scope of this request. Therefore, we are refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the documentation you are requesting does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

We note in relation to your request that while the Chief Executive of Te Puni Kōkiri had the statutory authority to cancel the reservation, that act was based on the decision of the Māori Land Court. The Māori Land Court must have received an application for the reservation to be cancelled, and the Court’s processes would also have required reasons being provided that would justify the reservation being cancelled. As such we suggest you approach the Māori Land Court and request copies of the application and Court order in relation to the reservation. Those papers may help you to understand why the reservation was cancelled.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

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

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at oiia@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paula Rawiri". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'P' being particularly large and stylized.

Paula Rawiri
Hautū, Te Puni Kaupapa Here | Deputy Secretary, Policy Partnerships