



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

11 April 2024

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## Official Information Request Our Ref: OIA 2024-0059

I refer to your official information request received on 18 March 2024 for:

*“Also under the official information act 1982. Please release all correspondence between Iwi, WCRC, WDC and the public services commission regarding 'cultural significance of land to Maori', (in the 'rates zones' for these two councils please).*

*Tax payers need all the information to make an informed decision”.*

### Information not held

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission (the Commission) has had no correspondence with Iwi, the West Coast Regional Council or the Westland District Council about the cultural significance of land to Māori. Therefore, we are refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as this information does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto:Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz).

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission’s website.

Yours sincerely

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