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Dear Valerie

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request for details of who is grazing the former NZDF land on Watts Peninsular, what the terms & conditions of that grazing are, and the number of cows on the land, that was lodged with NZDF. As advised, your request was transferred to Toitū Te Whenua on 19 January 2022.

Details of who is grazing the land are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act to protect the privacy of the individual.

The terms and conditions of the grazing are the standard grazing licence terms being:

- A term of 12 months commencing on the date the "Licence to Occupy" (LTO) is signed by both parties unless sooner determined under any of the provisions contained in the LTO (current LTO from 1 November 2021);
- LTO is for the purposes of grazing over the Land to be accessed from Nevay Road and Shelly Bay Road;
- The LTO is not transferable – cannot be assigned, sublet, mortgaged, changed, or otherwise disposed of;
- The Licensee:
 - will use and manage the Land in a good and husband-like manner and not impoverish or waste the soil;
 - will not break up or crop any part of the Land, nor cut down any trees or bush or remove or change any of the existing gates and fencings without prior consent of the Licensor;
 - will not erect any buildings or make any improvement on the Land without prior consent of the Licensor;

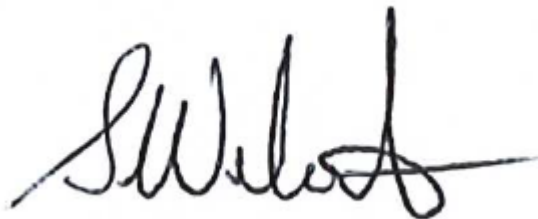
- will maintain all buildings, fences, gates, drains and other improvements within the paddock boundaries in good order, condition, and repair including keeping any gates locks and fences secure around the accessways.
- If the Licensee wishes to surrender the LTO they must provide one months' prior written notice to the Licensor;
- Right of access is restricted to use for pedestrian access/security lighting/small non-commercial vehicles and small farm vehicles. No heavy or commercial vehicles (other than Stock trucks from Nevey Road) without prior written consent of the Licensor;

The number of cows on the land fluctuates during the year. However, on average there are 15 cattle on the land being a mixture of cows and calves.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact ministerialsupport@linz.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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Wikitera', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sonya Wikitera
Head of Crown Property