

Welcome to Land Information New Zealand

What we do, who we are and our whakapapa

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What we do: Land Information New Zealand

Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) is the Government's lead agency for property records, location information, managing Crown land and administering the overseas investment process. We are guided by, and our name is derived from our whakataukī:

Whatungarongaro te tangata toitū te whenua.

People come and go, but the land remains.

Land, sea and waterways are taonga that connect us all. Our expertise and information help develop and protect these environments for the benefit of all New Zealanders, our visitors and future generations.

We work with a diverse range of stakeholders, including central and local government, businesses, Māori and iwi, surveyors and conveyancers, as well as the users of our products and services.

Our outcomes framework

Our strategic journey brings together the four key outcomes our organisation is working to achieve. Our values – being bold, expert and stronger together – support us to deliver our outcomes:



High-value geographic and property information

New Zealanders, public agencies, businesses and communities have the geographic and property information they need to make well-informed decisions about things that matter to them.



World-class property system

New Zealanders are able to own, transact, develop and invest in land and property with confidence, so that they and their communities can live the lives they aspire to, both now and in the future.



Making best use of the Crown Estate

New Zealanders, visitors and future generations all benefit from the careful protection and use of the Crown Estate, and recognise its improvement over time as being in New Zealand's best interest.



Safeguarding New Zealand's interest in sensitive assets

New Zealand derives significant benefits from the acquisition and ownership of sensitive assets by overseas investors, and New Zealanders recognise that these investments are in New Zealand's interest.

Within the four outcomes, we are paying particular attention to three key challenges where LINZ can make a significant difference:



Water

Contribute to better management of fresh water, including quality and allocation.



Resilience and climate change

Support efforts to prepare for, mitigate and adapt to the impacts on land and sea of climate change and one-off events (natural and human-induced).



Urban areas

Contribute to managing and responding to pressures on urban areas from population growth.

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Operational business groups

LINZ is the lead agency for four key areas: location information, property rights, Crown property and overseas investment.

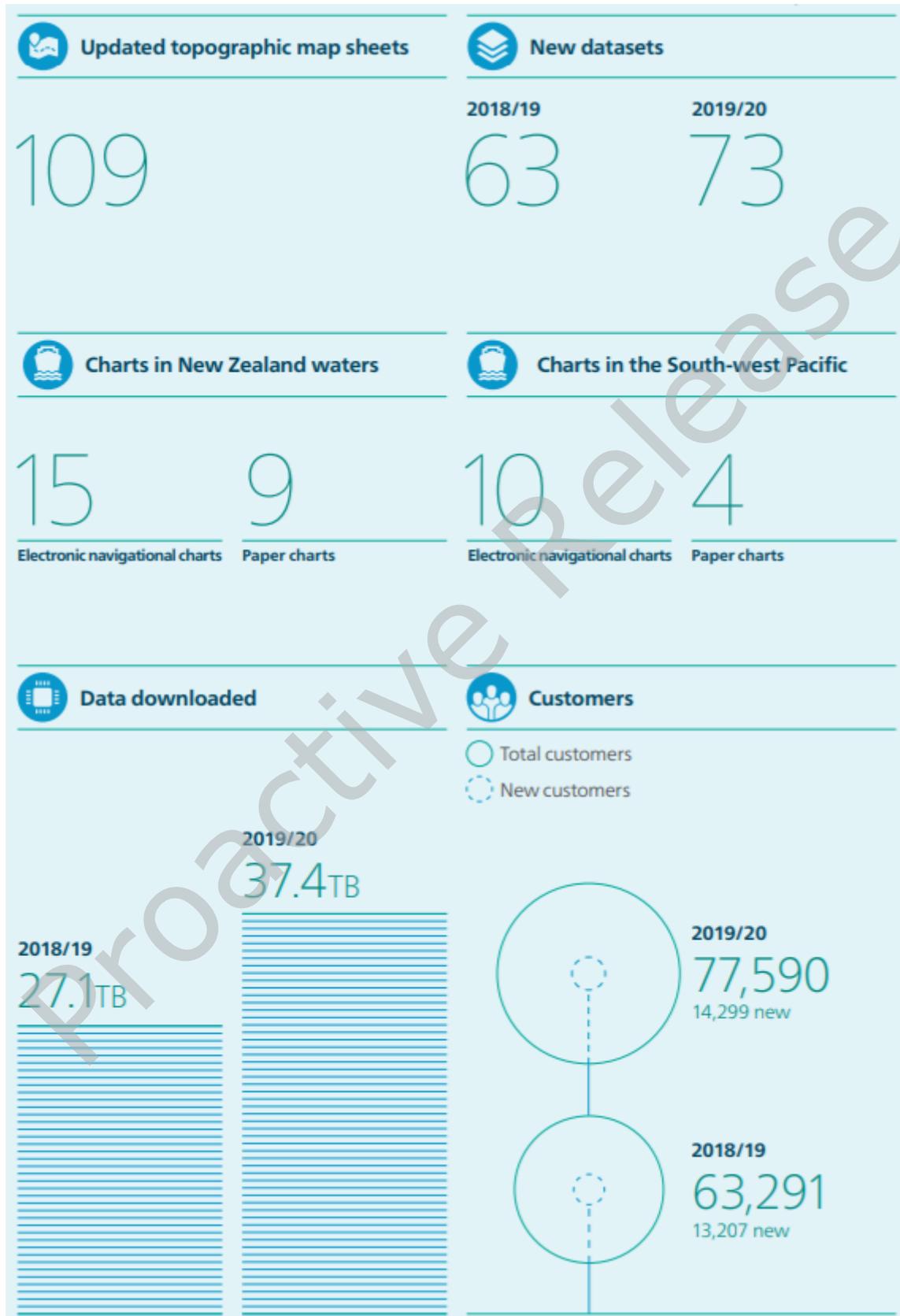
Location information

Location information is fundamental to our data-driven economy. LINZ collects core geographic information and maintains the infrastructure that produces this information. We use the information to produce maps and charts. We also release geographic information for others to use through the LINZ Data Service (LDS). Our data includes:

- geographic place names
- aerial and satellite imagery
- maps and nautical charts
- land topography and elevation
- sea floor contours, coastline, tidal and marine information
- roads and addresses
- property ownership and electoral boundaries.

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Location information at a glance 2018-2020



Property rights

New Zealand has one of the most efficient and robust property systems in the world, and we are continuing to improve it. We advise on and administer the regimes under which land title is guaranteed, property boundaries are defined, and rating valuations are established. Our electronic system Landonline is a critical part of this. LINZ maintains the ownership register and survey records on which the property market and land development depend. We hold and maintain the official record of more than 2 million property addresses, and keep the measurements of land boundaries, titles and every property sale in New Zealand.

Landonline at a glance 2018-2020

Landonline as of 30 June	2018/19	2019/20
Land title documents received	581,642	555,853
Titles issued and re-issued	219,762	221,933
Cadastral survey data sets received	10,412	10,678
Search products delivered	3,548,587	3,384,237
External users	12,898	12,314
Average unique users accessing the system every day	4,268	4,199
Surveyed parcels of land (including parcels for road and water, for example, rivers, lakes and seabed)	2,583,200	2,608,972
Live titles in the register	2,250,700	2,275,977

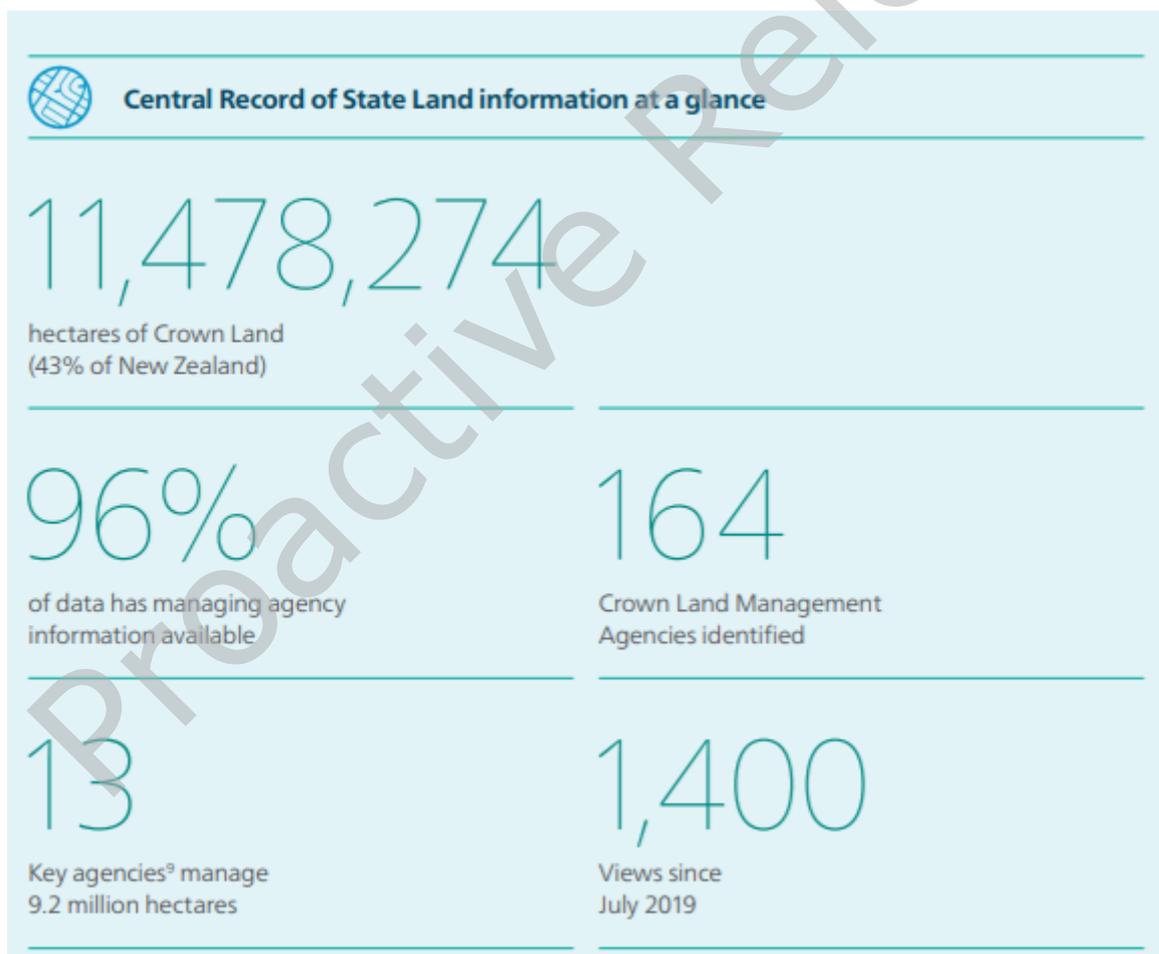
Crown property

We manage 8 percent of New Zealand’s land area – around 2 million hectares. The Crown land we manage is made up of approximately 13,000 properties, including tenanted residential properties, South Island high country pastoral leases, riverbed land, beds of lakes such as Wanaka and Karapiro and Crown forestry licences.

LINZ also administers and regulates the acquisition and disposal of land for public works. When Crown land is required or becomes surplus to government requirements, we ensure legislated processes are followed.

LINZ is responsible for clearing and managing the Crown-owned land and property portfolio in greater Christchurch’s residential red zones and the central city.

The Central Record of State Land is a register of all land managed by government agencies. Headline information from the Record is in the table below:



Overseas investment

The Overseas Investment Office (OIO) manages the overseas investment regime, which regulates overseas ownership of sensitive New Zealand assets. By making sure New Zealand benefits from productive overseas investment, we help make it easier for local businesses to access capital while protecting the taonga of New Zealand.

LINZ is the designated regulator under the Overseas Investment Act and Regulations 2005, with Treasury responsible for overseas investment policy.

OIO at a glance 2018-2020

Consent Pathway Decisions	2018/19	2019/20
One home to live in*	186	254
Residential land development*	38	32
Forestry*	11	39
Significant business assets	41	19
Sensitive land (benefit to New Zealand)	86	79
Official Information Act requests	136	98
Pre-app meetings	61	85

Cross-government work

LINZ works with the Office of Treaty Settlements. We manage the Treaty Settlements Landbank which contains Crown-owned properties that could be used in future Treaty settlements.

Alongside Stats NZ and the Department of Internal Affairs, LINZ is a core government information agency. We are working with other agencies to further open government data for use, reuse, and to improve connections between data.

As part of the government's Covid-19 response package, LINZ works with MPI, MFE and DOC on biosecurity initiatives. This builds on our long-standing work to eradicate wilding conifers.

Who we are: our people

Chief Executive: Gaye Searancke



Gaye joined LINZ in August 2019, bringing with her a broad range of senior leadership experience across the public and private sectors. Before joining LINZ, Gaye was Deputy Commissioner, Customer and Compliance Services – Business at Inland Revenue. Gaye has held senior leadership roles at ACC, the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment and the Ministry of Economic Development, leading governance, strategy, corporate and legal disciplines, as well as policy responsibilities in business law, competition law, labour and employment law, trade and investment.

Notable highlights in Gaye’s career include enhancing the capability and capacity of the Labour Inspectorate, establishing WorkSafe and undertaking extensive financial and labour market reforms.

LINZ Leadership Team

Deputy Chief Executive Corporate: Peter Alsop



Peter joined LINZ as Deputy Chief Executive Corporate in April 2020. Peter leads the corporate function for LINZ (HR, Communications, Finance, Procurement, Performance, Legal, Risk and Assurance).

Deputy Chief Executive Property Rights: Kathy Mansell



Kathy joined LINZ in May 2017 as Deputy Chief Executive Strategy and Stewardship before moving to her role as Deputy Chief Executive Property Rights in March 2018. As joint system owner with Strategy and Stewardship, Kathy is responsible for the delivery of the New Zealand Survey and Title system. This includes the property ownership register, survey records and customer channels.

Deputy Chief Executive Strategy and Stewardship: Robbie Muir



Robbie joined LINZ as the Registrar-General of Land for New Zealand in 2000. Robbie is responsible for our business strategy and overseeing stewardship of regulatory systems, and our strategic stakeholders and customers, including Māori and iwi.

Deputy Chief Executive Location Information: Jan Pierce



Jan joined LINZ as Deputy Chief Executive Location Information in 2009. Jan is responsible for geospatial data and land information services. Jan is also Acting Deputy Chief Executive Policy and Overseas Investment.

Deputy Chief Executive Crown Property: Jerome Sheppard



Jerome joined LINZ as Deputy Chief Executive Crown Property in May 2017. Jerome is responsible for the strategic management of Crown lands, including the newly formed business unit focused on the biosecurity and biodiversity of Crown land. The Commissioner of Crown Lands also sits within Jerome's span of control.

Deputy Chief Executive Business Transformation: Murray Young



Murray is on a four-year secondment from the role of Acting Deputy Comptroller - Operations at the New Zealand Customs Service. Murray is responsible for the rebuild of Landonline, our property rights platform.

Statutory officers and functions

LINZ has four statutory officers appointed under the Public Sector Act 2020. Three officers act in a regulatory capacity and the Commissioner for Crown Lands acts as land owner for the Crown. Statutory officers are also recognised within the wider LINZ leadership team.

Registrar-General of Land: Robbie Muir



- Regulation of the Land Title system under the Land Transfer Act 2017
- Oversight of delegated statutory functions – maintaining the land register and providing access to authoritative property information
- Setting standards and guidelines for land registration
- Regulatory assurance, compliance and enforcement
- Deciding on land title compensation claims under the State guarantee.

Surveyor-General: Anselm Haanen



- Overall statutory responsibility for the stewardship of the cadastral and geodetic survey systems
- Responsible for place naming as Chair of the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa
- Maintaining the national record of addresses, and their use in supporting the electoral system
- Support for the setting of electoral boundaries by the Representation Commission.

Valuer-General: Neill Sullivan



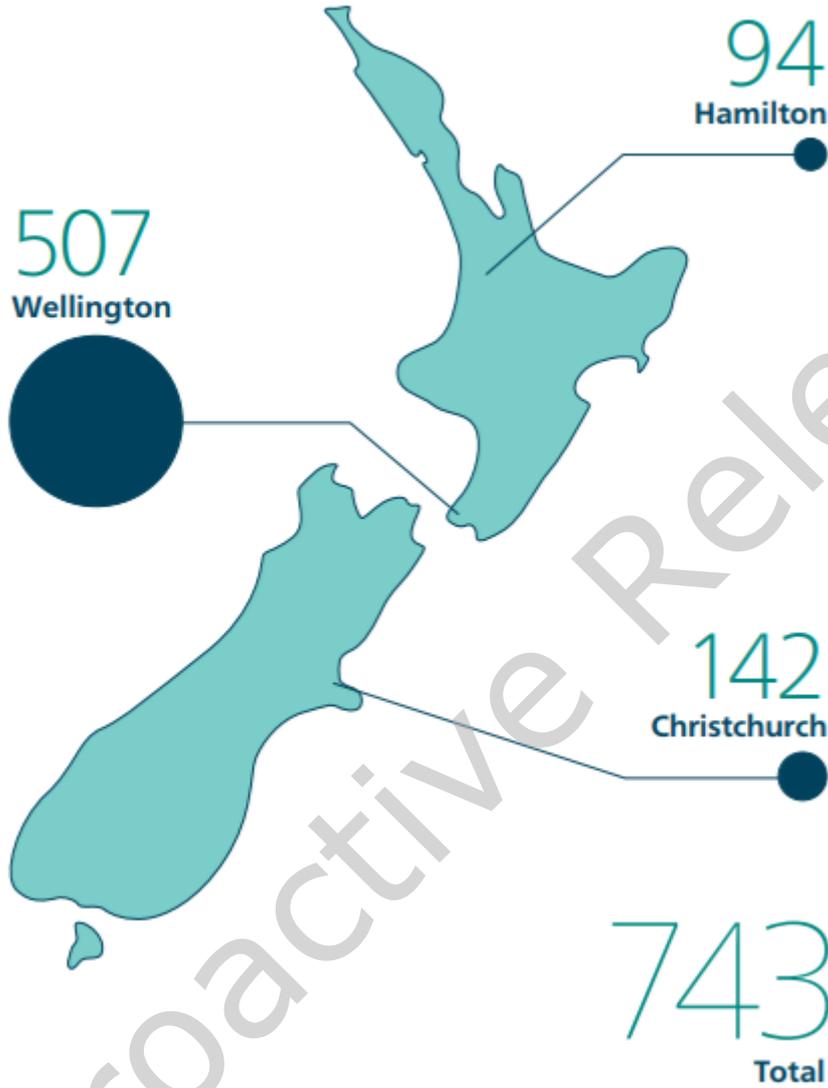
- Regulator for the rating valuations industry, standards of district valuation rolls
- Administers the Valuers Registration Board – occupational regulation of registered valuers, including issue of practising certificates
- Ex-officio chair of the Valuers Registration Board and sits on the Council of the New Zealand Institute of Valuers.

Commissioner of Crown Lands: Craig Harris

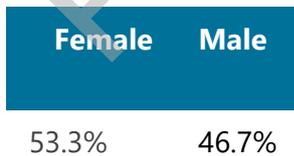


- Landlord for leases of Crown land (land held under the Land Act 1948), including pastoral leases
- Makes decisions on requests to do activities on Crown land.
- Oversees Crown pastoral tenure review process
- Advises Minister for Land Information on Crown land matters.

LINZ employees across Aotearoa



Gender Diversity (all staff)



Ethnic diversity

European	Māori	Other	Pasifika	Asian	MELAA	Not stated
59.8%	8.2%	16.4%	1.69%	7.1%	0.5%	6.1%

Our whakapapa

The Department of Lands and Survey began in 1876. LINZ was formed in 1996 following the restructure of the Department of Survey and Land Information (DOSLI).

