

23 August 2021

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Via email: ██████████

Request for information

Tēna koe ████████,

Thank you for your request for information relating to the status of Te Pou Tupua as a controlling authority under Walking Access Act 2008, sent to the Ministry for Primary Industries on 14 August 2021. The Ministry has transferred your request to the New Zealand Walking Access Commission.

Te Pou Tupua (the legal representative of the Whanganui River/Te Awa Tupua) has not been made a controlling authority under section 35 of the Walking Access Act 2008 (the Act).

Section 35(1) of the Act requires a controlling authority to be a department, local authority, or public body, or the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and proscribes Te Pou Tupua (and other non-public bodies) from a controlling authority role.

This is one of the issues raised in the Report on the Findings of the Review of the Walking Access Act 2008 (September 2019).

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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