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**From:** Phil Culling  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 December 2023 11:45 am  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Joy Yang; Ric Cullinane  
**Subject:** FW: Official Information Act Request

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

This email is in response to your email of 7 September 2023, requesting information under the Official Information Act about any restructure, reorganisation, or (dis)establishment of a team, business unit or directorate within Herenga ā Nuku between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2021.

My apologies for not responding to your earlier request.

Herenga ā Nuku is one of New Zealand's smallest Crown entities with current Crown funding is \$3.595m and a staff complement of 16.

Previously called the NZ Walking Access Commission, it was established by the Walking Access Act 2008.

<https://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2008/0101/latest/DLM1244016.html>

Section 80 of the Walking Access Act required a review of the Act after 10 years. This review was completed and a report/recommendations presented to Parliament on 25 September 2019

<https://www.herengaanuku.govt.nz/our-work/publications/issue-reports/report-on-the-findings-of-the-review-of-the-walking-access-act-2008/>

In 2020, Herenga ā Nuku received additional Crown funding following a budget bid request as part of the Governments appropriation process. The additional funding specifically addresses sections 13 and 17 of the report's recommendations. These two recommendations were to undertake a new function to partner with Māori in the context of carrying out the Commission's functions, and to assist the Te Araroa Trust in its operations.

In 2020 two new small business units were established in Herenga ā Nuku.

1. Māori Partnerships
2. Te Araroa Trail support

Both business units required one manager to be employed.

The Walking Access Act review recommendations were the catalyst for the limited restructure.

There has been no disestablishment of any team, business unit or directorate within Herenga ā Nuku, during, or after the period you are looking at.

If you need any further clarification or information on any of the answers, please let me know.

Ngā mihi  
Phil

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