

8 June 2023

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 26 May 2023, in which you asked:

*Question 1:*

*May I enquire about the current insured value of the building in 2023 please.*

*Question 2:*

*May I have DoC's legal description / guardianship for the building in relation to our country's first National Park Legislation.*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *May I enquire about the current insured value of the building in 2023 please.*

The insured value is a maximum of \$10 million for all perils, excluding Natural Disasters which are insured for demolition costs only up to a maximum of \$2 million.

2. *May I have DoC's legal description / guardianship for the building in relation to our country's first National Park Legislation.*

This aspect of your request is refused subject to section 18(d) of the Official Information Act as requested information is publicly available. For your reference, please refer to the links provided below for access to information sought.

**Publicly available information**

The legal description of the title is Lot 6 Deposited Plan 436518. Details of this title can be found in the Land Record available through Land Information New Zealand.



<https://lrs.linz.govt.nz/search/multi-results/?position=-39.19886307131052,175.53905328122536>

Information about the Chateau Tongariro's heritage status can be found on Heritage New Zealand website:

<https://www.heritage.org.nz/list-details/7318/Grand-Chateau#details>

Legislation regarding the guardianship of the building in relation to Tongariro National Park is detailed in the following documents:

- **Tongariro National Park Management Plan** (see sections 4.1.16 - Works Approvals, and 6 - Whakapapa Village)  
<https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/our-policies-and-plans/statutory-plans/statutory-plan-publications/national-park-management/tongariro-national-park-management-plan/>
- **Whakapapa Village Site and Landscape Plan**  
<https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/about-doc/procedures/tongariro/whakapapa-village-site-and-landscape-plan.pdf>
- **National Parks Act 1980 (see section 50 - Accommodation within Parks)**  
<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1980/0066/latest/whole.html>
- **General Policy for National Parks** (see section 9. Accommodation and Related Facilities)  
<https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/about-doc/role/policies-and-plans/general-policy-for-national-parks.pdf>

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Department's website.



Nāku noa, nā



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*Te Papa Atawhai*