



CABINET OFFICE

3 October 2025



Ref: OIA-2025/26-0189

Tēnā koe 

Official Information Act request: Land warrants

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 15 September 2025. You requested:

Would you please email me the ministerial warrants appointing the following MPs as Minister for Land Information as a matter of urgency:

- 1. The warrant issued to Maurice Donald Williamson in 2009*
- 2. The warrant issued to Michael Allan Woodhouse in 2014*
- 3. The warrant issued to Louise Claire Upston in 2014*
- 4. The warrant issued to Mark Patrick Mitchell in 2016*
- 5. The warrant issued to Eugenie Meryl Sage in 2017*
- 6. The warrant issued to Damien Peter O'Connor in 2020*
- 7. The warrant issued to Christopher Aiden Penk in 2023*

On 18 September we provided a partial response concerning items 5 to 7 in recognition of your request for urgency.

Response to remainder of your request

The remaining parts of your request have now been progressed. I have decided to release the warrants listed in items 1 to 4 of your request in full. Please find these attached.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā



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**ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God
Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and
Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of
the Faith:**

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved Subject

The Honourable Maurice Donald Williamson

GREETING!

We, having taken into Our Royal Consideration your Loyalty, Integrity, and Ability, are pleased to appoint and **DO HEREBY** appoint you, **Maurice Donald Williamson** to be Our

Minister for Land Information

of New Zealand: **TO HAVE**, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said Office for and during Our Pleasure and Will; together with all and singular the Rights, Profits, Privileges, and Advantages thereunto belonging or appertaining, in the most full and ample manner: Provided always that you, the said **Maurice Donald Williamson** during such time as you shall hold the said Office, shall reside in New Zealand, and execute the said Office of **Minister for Land Information** in person, except only in the case of sickness or other incapacity, and leave of absence first duly granted.

GIVEN, in my name and on my behalf

BY Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor Dame Sian Elias, Dame Grand Companion of Our New Zealand Order of Merit, Administrator of the Government.

AND issued under the Seal of New Zealand this sixteenth day of June in the year of Our Lord two thousand and nine in the fifty-eighth year of Our Reign.



Administrator of the Government

**ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God
Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and
Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of
the Faith**

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved

The Honourable Michael Allan Woodhouse

GREETING!

We, having taken into Our Royal Consideration your Loyalty, Integrity, and Ability, are pleased to appoint and **DO HEREBY** appoint you, **Michael Allan Woodhouse**, to be Our

Minister for Land Information

of New Zealand: **TO HAVE**, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said Office for and during Our Pleasure and Will; together with all and singular the Rights, Profits, Privileges, and Advantages thereunto belonging or appertaining, in the most full and ample manner: Provided always that you, the said **Michael Allan Woodhouse** during such time as you shall hold the said Office, shall reside in New Zealand, and execute the said Office of **Minister for Land Information** in person, except only in the case of sickness or other incapacity, and leave of absence first duly granted.

GIVEN, in Our name and on Our behalf

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BY Our Trusty and Well-beloved Lieutenant General
The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae, Chancellor and
Principal Knight Grand Companion of Our New Zealand
Order of Merit, Principal Companion of Our Service Order,
Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our
Realm of New Zealand.

AND issued under the Seal of New Zealand this seventh day
of May in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen in
the sixty-third year of Our Reign.


Governor-General

**ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God
Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and
Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of
the Faith**

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved

The Honourable Louise Claire Upston

GREETING!

We, having taken into Our Royal Consideration your Loyalty, Integrity, and Ability, are pleased to appoint and **DO HEREBY** appoint you, **Louise Claire Upston**, to be Our

Minister for Land Information

of New Zealand: **TO HAVE**, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said Office for and during Our Pleasure and Will; together with all and singular the Rights, Profits, Privileges, and Advantages thereunto belonging or appertaining, in the most full and ample manner: Provided always that you, the said **Louise Claire Upston** during such time as you shall hold the said Office, shall reside in New Zealand, and execute the said Office of **Minister for Land Information** in person, except only in the case of sickness or other incapacity, and leave of absence first duly granted.

GIVEN, in Our name and on Our behalf

BY Our Trusty and Well-beloved Lieutenant General
The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae, Chancellor and
Principal Knight Grand Companion of Our New Zealand
Order of Merit, Principal Companion of Our Service Order,
Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our
Realm of New Zealand.

AND issued under the Seal of New Zealand this eighth day
of October in the year of Our Lord two thousand and
fourteen in the sixty-third year of Our Reign.


Governor-General

**ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God
Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and
Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of
the Faith**

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved

The Honourable Mark Patrick Mitchell

GREETING!

We, having taken into Our Royal Consideration your Loyalty, Integrity, and Ability, are pleased to appoint and **DO HEREBY** appoint you, **Mark Patrick Mitchell**, to be Our

Minister for Land Information

of New Zealand: **TO HAVE**, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said Office for and during Our Pleasure and Will; together with all and singular the Rights, Profits, Privileges, and Advantages thereunto belonging or appertaining, in the most full and ample manner: Provided always that you, the said **Mark Patrick Mitchell** during such time as you shall hold the said Office, shall reside in New Zealand, and execute the said Office of **Minister for Land Information** in person, except only in the case of sickness or other incapacity, and leave of absence first duly granted.

GIVEN, in Our name and on Our behalf

BY Our Trusty and Well-beloved The Right Honourable Dame Patsy Reddy, Chancellor and Principal Dame Grand Companion of Our New Zealand Order of Merit, Principal Companion of Our Service Order, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand.

AND issued under the Seal of New Zealand this twentieth day of December in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen in the sixty-fifth year of Our Reign.



Governor-General