

From: Kirsti Douglas
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:46 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: 163 Opito Bay Road

Kia ora [REDACTED], thank you for your enquiry regarding the access condition associated with Overseas Investment Office consent 201620098.

I can confirm that enduring public access, by way of a Walkway easement (under the Walking Access Act 2008), has been legally secured over the Opito Bay Road property. This Walkway secures access to the unformed legal road that adjoins the property enabling access across the peninsula. The Commission considers that the consent holder has meet their access condition obligations.

While public access has been legally secured, the Walkway is not yet operational. The Commission is funded to facilitate and secure access opportunities for communities. We do not construct the physical tracks and trails, and do not assume the day-to-day management or maintenance of tracks. When public access is secured by way of a Commission Walkway easement, we will appoint a controlling authority to take on the day-to-day responsibility for the Walkway. In the Opito Bay Road property case, we are yet to get agreement from a qualifying body to take on this role. Once we have secured a controlling authority we can then formally gazette and publicly declare the Walkway over the Opito Bay Road Land.

For your information here is a link to our Act <https://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2008/0101/latest/DLM1244016.html>

I trust this answers your below enquiry. Please let me know if I can assist you further.

Kind regards



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In 2017 the Overseas Investment Commission granted approval for the purchase of 163 Opito Bay Road Kerikeri, by Overseas investors, Andrea and Malgorzata Calantzopoulos. Case Number 201620098. A link to that decision is below. One of the conditions of the approval was that the owners were to work with your commission to create access to two bays the property was located on. To date I have seen no such access, six years after the consent was given.

The property is currently for sale by the purchasers who obtain Overseas Investment approval. Presumably they will sell it for a profit. What ever happened to the public access to the bays?

Overseas Investment approval:

<https://www.linz.govt.nz/our-work/overseas-investment-regulation/decisions/2017-06/201620098>

Access Condition:

In addition, they will work with the Walking Access Commission and fund the creation of new public access to two bays near the land.