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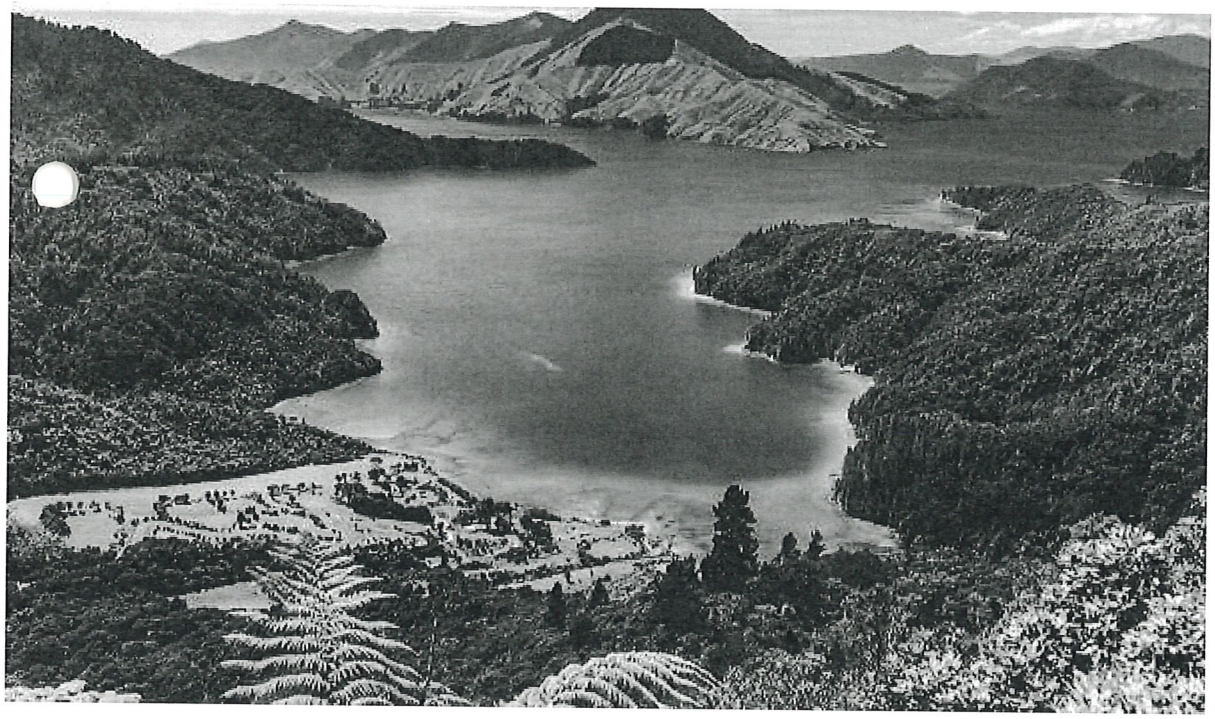
Overseas investment

Realising the benefits of overseas investment, while protecting New Zealand's sensitive land and assets



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Overseas people must get consent through the Overseas Investment Office (OIO) before they can invest in New Zealand's sensitive land, significant business assets and fishing quota.

Investors who need consent:

- generally aren't New Zealand citizens or are people who don't ordinarily live here
- are bodies, such as companies, trusts and joint ventures, with more than 25 per cent overseas ownership or control
- can include associates (including New Zealanders) of overseas investors.

Proposed investments must meet criteria in the Overseas Investment Act 2005 (for 'sensitive' land and high value businesses) and the Fisheries Act 1996 (for fishing quota). This will usually require investors to establish their business experience, that they are of good character and for sensitive land, demonstrate the benefits to New Zealand of their investment. The OIO publishes all decisions made on applications.

Read the Overseas Investment Act 2005 (http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2005/0082/latest/whole.html)

Anyone making an application should seek expert legal and land advice as early as possible.

Read Seeking expert advice (/node/14601/)

Investors must provide us with truthful and complete information about themselves and their investment plans. They must also keep the commitments they made when applying for consent.

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Find out if you need consent to invest in New Zealand

Find out if you need to apply to the Overseas Investment Office for consent to purchase sensitive New Zealand assets.

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Applying for consent to purchase New Zealand assets

Find the information and templates to help you apply for consent to acquire sensitive New Zealand assets.

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Enforcement

Overseas investors must get consent when New Zealand's Overseas Investment Rules require them to and must keep the commitments they make when they apply for consent.

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What you need to do if you are selling New Zealand assets to overseas investors

Find out about selling sensitive New Zealand assets to overseas investors.

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About the Overseas Investment Office

The OIO makes sure New Zealand's sensitive assets are in good hands, and enables overseas investment that benefits New Zealand.

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Decision summaries & statistics

The Overseas Investment Office (OIO) publicly releases a short summary of every application for consent that is granted or declined.

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