



7 July 2017



OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request 29 June 2017 for the following:

- The current concessions, and any amendments or consequent approvals, granted to Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited to operate Whakapapa and Turoa Ski Areas
- The full application made by Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited for the aforementioned concession to operate the Whakapapa Ski Area
- The full application made by Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited for the aforementioned concession to operate the Turoa Ski Area
- The Concession Officer's report on the application made by Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited to operate Whakapapa Ski Area
- The Concession Officer's report on the application made by Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited to operate Turoa Ski Area

I regret that I am not able to provide you with some of the information you seek in accordance with section 9 of the Official Information Act. This relates to financial information provided in support of the applications and the concession fee detail for each concession.

I do not see that my reason for withholding the information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

The broad nature of your request relating to the "consequent approvals for the Turoa Ski Area" is not considered to be in keeping with the provisions of the Act. In terms of the legislation, requests for information need to specify the official information that is sought with due particularity (section 12(2) Official Information Act refers).

Accordingly, your request is likely to be declined under section 18(f) Official Information Act unless you can be more specific. I understand that after discussing with Deidre Ewart, [REDACTED] or dewart@doc.govt that you will be providing this shortly. Once this is provided the request will be considered further.

Please also note that consistent with your discussion with Deidre Ewart that the current Turoa licence is being released to you, as well as the application and reports for the new Turoa licence that is currently being considered. I trust that this meets with your requirements.

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.



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Conservation
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Yours sincerely,

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