

26 March 2021

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 28 January 2021 in which you asked for:

All documents/reports/briefings and correspondence relating to the upkeep and maintenance of buildings and infrastructure at Tucker Cove, Perseverance Harbour, Campbell Island in the last three years.

On 26 February 2021 we extended your request to 26 March 2021 due to the consultations necessary that a proper response to the request could not reasonably be made within the original time limit.

Included in this response is the full assessment of the Campbell Island Metrological Station Buildings, Conditions & Plans October 2017. While this document was received six months prior to the three year timeline that you have requested, it has been included in this response to provide you with context as to the challenges of managing the buildings and infrastructure associated with the Metrological Service operation at Beeman Base. This document specifically addresses the state of the Tucker Hut (pages 89-91). This document does not survey the condition of the four biodiversity huts which are maintained on the island.

In Feb 2020 a Senior Works Officer from the Operations Planning Team (Invercargill) was tasked with accompanying the Operation Endurance expedition specifically to understand the logistical challenges of maintaining assets on a geographically remote subantarctic Island. His understanding gained from that trip is to help inform the Murihiku District Heritage and Visitor planning team of both the physical challenges, resource demands, and the financial implications of maintaining a heritage and visitor infrastructure in such a remote and often hostile location.

Programmed maintenance of the department's tracks and structures is carried out during each Operation Endurance expedition visit supported by the New Zealand Defence Force. A schedule of completed work tasks carried out on the track and structures in the vicinity of Tucker Cove have been included in this response. These tasks are displayed in an extract



from the department's Asset Management Information System (AMIS). The tasks are typically the generic vegetation clearance to maintain the National tramping track standards, or the maintenance of boardwalk components on the many aging structures.

Also included in this response is the updated Heritage New Zealand List Entry Report for the Campbell Island, as well as specific Heritage taskings for Tucker Cove. This list of prioritized tasks was carried out by Norman Judd and others as part of the November 2019 Operation Endurance expedition.

If you wish to discuss this with the Department, please contact Brent Affleck, Senior Ranger Heritage & Visitor. Murihiku District on [REDACTED] or by email baffleck@doc.govt.nz

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

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Fleming'.

Aaron Fleming
Director Operations Southern South Island
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai



Table 1 - Schedule of documents

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	Feb 2017	Campbell Island Metrological Station Buildings, Conditions & Plans, Feb 2017, Paul Cummack. (Tucker Cove: Pgs. 89-91)	Released in full.
2	10 Sept 2019	Campbell Island Heritage NZ List Entry Report for an Historic Area	Released in full.
3	13 Nov 2019	Campbell Island Heritage Task Speciations for Operation Endurance 2019	Released in full.
4	22 Feb 2020	Task Assignment: Mark Symons. Senior Works Officer. Operations Planning Team. (E-Mail)	Released in full.
5	23 Mar 2021	Campbell Island, Tucker Cove Infrastructure, Planned & Completed Work Tasks 2019-21 (DOC AMIS)	Released in full.