

11 October 2023

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Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 17 September 2023, in which you asked for:

*'all independent condition assessments relating to the Chateau Tongariro completed in 2023.'*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 and identified two within scope reports. Relevant material is outlined in the table below:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	April 2023	Building Condition Appraisal Chateau Tongariro Hotel	Released in part
2	July 2023	Schedule of Reinstatement and Wants of Repair – Chateau Tongariro	Withheld in full

I have decided to release relevant parts of item 1 listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- personal contact details of officials, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,

Item 2 is withheld in full via section 18(a) by virtue of having grounds to withhold under section 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act and determined there are no public interests that outweigh the grounds for withholding.

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.



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

Nāku noa, nā



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*Te Papa Atawhai*