



OIAD-2586

08 February 2023

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 22 November 2022, in which you asked for:

*I am requesting through a LGOIMA for the full mitigation plan, including but not restricted to, mitigation plans for the March 2023 SailGP event set for Lyttelton.*

*This includes documents required for a Marine Mammal Protection Plan for the SailGP racing event 2023.*

*All Pre-race mitigation and monitoring techniques and planning documentation.*

*All during race mitigation and monitoring techniques and planning documentation*

*And all safety protocols and backups, services and planning for if a serious event involving a marine mammal so happens during any of the above.*

*Any information relating to consents required to hold such an event around endangered marine mammals.*

On 9 December 2022 we extended your request to 9 February 2023 due to the consultation necessary.

This letter formally responds to your request. On 23 December 2022 the document in scope of your request, 'Marine Mammal Management Plan' (MMMP) for the SailGP event was provided to you by ChristchurchNZ. It was also published online at the following link: <https://www.christchurchnz.com/explore/whats-on/sailgp/marine-mammal-management>.

We were consulted by ChristchurchNZ during their consideration of their response to you, and agree with their approach under the LGOIMA. With this considered, and as the document has been proactively published online, I must refuse your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act as the information requested has been made publicly available.

On 26 January 2023 we met with you alongside representatives from Sail GP, Cawthron, Envisor, Ocean Acoustics, and Te Roopū Tiaki Whakaraupō Advisory Group.



At this meeting we discussed the concerns and queries you had regarding the Sail GP event, including but not limited to:

- The potential use of ADD's during the racing;
- The data from acoustic monitoring in Lyttelton harbour;
- Racing specifics including timings, speeds, communications plans, etc.;
- Mitigation, monitoring, and operational response plans;
- The redactions within the released MMMP plan.

We ended the meeting by checking in with you to make sure we had covered all of your points of concern.

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

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