

31 July 2026

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 2 July 2026, in which you asked:

“...the following official information regarding mining on DOC land.

- 1) How many Access Arrangements or other concession contracts for mining has DOC granted since Jan 1 2024?*
- 2) A list of basic information about the access arrangements or other concession contracts for mining that DOC has granted since Jan 1 2024 including: Location, name of applicant, mineral(s) concerned...”*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

We have identified 139 mining concessions granted since 1 January 2024 to 2 July 2026. Please find attached a list of all active mining permits with start dates from 1 January 2024 onwards as **Attachment One**.

For context, this includes both ‘active and ‘approved’ concessions as listed in our systems. Please note that ‘approved’ concessions have not yet been countersigned by the applicant meaning they are not yet ‘active’. Our database does not distinguish between active concessions and those which are approved however are not yet active.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

- personal information, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Unfortunately, due to the system limitations of our Permissions Database, we are unable to provide you with locations of these concessions without manually collating this information from each record. Therefore, I am refusing this aspect of your request under section 18(f) of the OIA as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

If you wish to lodge a subsequent, more targeted request seeking location data associated with a specific subset of concessions identified in the Attachment One then please let us know.

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 also note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and the attached document may be published on DOC's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anita', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anita Murrell
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Department of Conservation | *Te Papa Atawhai*