

12 April 2024



Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 30 January 2024, regarding Loch Katrine and in which you asked:

“Can the resultant decision and any decision-making notes and communications received by and sent by doc about the huts concerns by this decision be provided?”

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

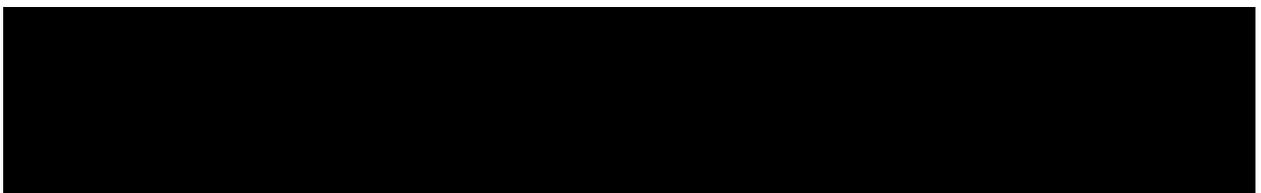
On 16 February 2024 you clarified your request to:

“I am happy with this being an OIA request and would like the decision and any notes/discussions/correspondence in relation to the decision [...] since the application was received.

“This would include notes etc which were presumably made in relation to the submissions that were made and how certain points were considered in relation to the overall application. You mention all submissions are taken into account so I would expect there were notes etc made in relation to the submissions.”

On 27 February 2024 we extended the timeframe to respond to your request to 10 April 2024 due to the large quantity of information sought.

The following items are in scope of your request:



- All available documents pertaining to the decision of this application since the application was received by the Department. This includes, but is not limited to the consideration of submissions, consultation with the Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board, and conditions imposed on this concession.

These documents are included as Items 1-54 in Table 1 of this document.

Please note that not all documents that mention this application or are linked within the items provided in Table 1 have been included in this response. Some documents were excluded as

the Department deemed them to be outside the scope of the request as they did not impose any bearing on the final decision of the concession. These documents include an invoice for public notification (the final cost of which is included in item 13), older versions of provided documents, and templates/guidance documents for internal use by the Department. As such, you may notice items missing in numerical order within the table below.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed in the schedule below, subject to information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people.

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

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

Stacey Wrenn
Director, Regulatory Authorisations
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Proactively released OIA - note that item 12 is the only inclusion in this release for now

Table 1 - Schedule of documents

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
[Redacted content]			

12	26/01/2024	Concession Contract (Lease and Licence)	Released in part
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