



18 November 2024



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 14 October 2024, in which you asked for:

- *all advice, briefings, memos and correspondence to Ministers since relating to the Hauraki Gulf/Tīkapa Moana protection bill, particularly amendments to the legislation.*
- *all meeting notes/meetings from meetings with ministers relating to the Hauraki Gulf/Tīkapa Moana protection bill.*
- *any correspondence between Paul Botica, Josh Gordge and Brendan Taylor on behalf of the net fishers fishing in the marine park.*
- *details of any meetings with the above, including meeting minutes/notes.*

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

On 18 October 2024 you refined your request to include the requested information since 27 November 2023.

This response includes materials related to point one and three of your request. There were no meeting notes from meetings with ministers and no meetings with those listed in point three of your request. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) as the information requested does not exist, or despite efforts to locate the information, it cannot be found.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed below, 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,
- advice still under consideration, section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials,

- free and frank expression under section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs.

Some information in scope is publicly available. This is noted below and can be found at the following link, alongside some other material related to the Bill - [Revitalising the Gulf: Government action on the Sea Change Plan: Our work](#).

Draft versions of some documents attached to emails are withheld as the final version of the document is either publicly available (the Departmental Report referenced in item 13 of the table overleaf), is released as part of this package (items 2, 7 and 8 of the table overleaf), will be provided to you by the Ministry for Primary Industries under the Official Information Act (the Aide Memoire and supplementary information referenced in item 13 of the table overleaf), or is out of scope. Changes between draft and final versions are technical and administrative. If they were substantive, either in full or in part, we would have included these in this release. Should you still wish to receive these, we can process them for you.

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.

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

If you would like to discuss this response with us, please contact the Department of Conservation Government Services by email to [GovernmentServices@doc.govt.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@doc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

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**Table 1 - Schedule of documents**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Document description</b>	<b>Decision</b>
1	18 July 2024	24-B-0317: Briefing – Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill – further advice and proactive release of documents	Released in part – publicly available
2	27 June 2024	24-B-0317: Attachment A - Cabinet Paper Progressing the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill	Released in full – publicly available
3	27 June 2024	24-B-0317: Attachment B - Cabinet Minute Progressing the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill	Released in full – publicly available
4	29 February 2024	24-B-0105: Briefing - Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill: Further policy decisions arising from submissions to Select Committee	Released in part – publicly available
5	18 March 2024	24-B-0106: Briefing - Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill: Approval of Departmental Report to Select Committee	Released in part – publicly available
6	24 September 2024	24-B-0476: Briefing - Ring-net fishing in high protection areas	Released in part – publicly available
7	26 September 2024	LEG Cabinet paper 'Report back on the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill'	Released in full – publicly available
8	30 September 2024	Cabinet paper 'Report back on the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill'	Released in full – publicly available
9	1 October 2024	Cabinet minute CAB-24-MIN-0386	Released in full – publicly available
10	April 2024	24-C-0002 Status Report April 2024	Released in part
11	July 2024	Ministerial correspondence with ring-net fishers	Released in part
12	July 2024	Ministerial correspondence with Te Ohu Kaimoana	Released in part
13	April – October 2024	Correspondence Department of Conservation / Minister of Conservation office	Released in part
14	July – October 2024	Correspondence Department of Conservation / Fisheries New Zealand	Released in part