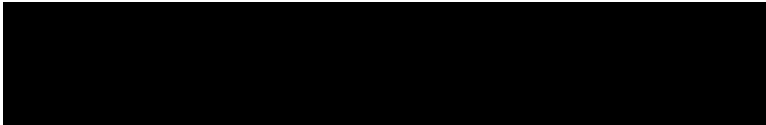




03 March 2025



Tēnā koe [Redacted]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 29 January 2025, in which you asked:

'Please supply the following briefings.

23-B-0466 7/12/2023 Briefing: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts and Mt Ruapehu ski fields

24-B-121 4/03/2024 Further information on Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited decommissioning liability

24-B-134 8/03/2024 Regulatory processes for Ruapehu Alpine Lifts and Whakapapa ski field

24-B-76 19/03/2024 Ruapehu redundant infrastructure removal - tagged contingency funding drawdown request.'

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

I have considered that document 23-B-0466 has previously been released to you in response to OIAD-3715 on 5 April 2024. Given the time that has passed, I have determined further information can be released under the OIA.

The documents that have been released to you as Attachment 1 are listed below:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	7 December 2023	23-B-0466 – Briefing – Ruapehu Alpine Lifts and Mt Ruapehu ski fields	Released in part.
2	4 March 2024	24-B-0121 - Aide Memoire - Further information on Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited decommissioning liability	Released in part.
3	8 March 2024	24-B-0134 - Regulatory processes for Ruapehu Alpine Lifts and Whakapapa ski field	Released in part.
4	19 March 2024	24-B-0076 - Ruapehu redundant infrastructure removal – tagged contingency funding drawdown request	Released in part.

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 Official Information Act, as applicable:

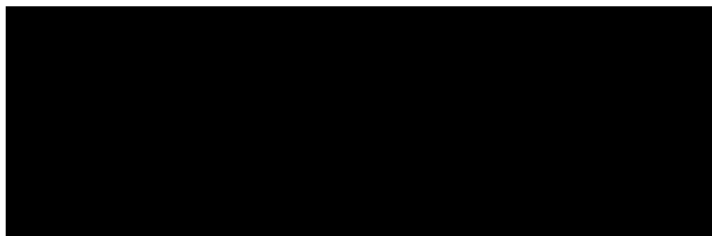
- personal contact details of officials, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,
- commercially sensitive information, under section 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information,
- confidential information, section 9(2)(ba)(i) - to not prejudice the supply of similar information or information from the same source,
- 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,
- advice subject to legal privilege, under section 9(2)(h) - to maintain legal professional privilege,
- confidential information, under section 9(2)(j) – to enable the Crown to negotiate without disadvantage or prejudice.

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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