

3 April 2025

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 13 March 2025, in which you asked for:

- 1. The decision support document relating to 107310-FAU.*
- 2. Any email correspondence to and from the technical advisor and decision-maker relating to the issue of 107310-FAU.*
- 3. Any email correspondence to and from the technical advisor and decision-maker and the relevant QEII representative who worked on the application.*

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

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

- 1. The decision support document relating to 107310-FAU.*

I have decided to release the Decision Support document for 107310-FAU to you in part. Please refer to Item 1 in the Document Schedule.

- 2. Any email correspondence to and from the technical advisor and decision-maker relating to the issue of 107310-FAU.*

I have interpreted your request as being email correspondence between the technical advisor and the decision-maker. There was no email correspondence between the technical advisor and decision-maker relating to 107310-FAU. Your request is therefore refused under Section 18(e) of the OIA – the information does not exist.

For completeness I have decided to provide you with the technical assessment for 107310-FAU as Item 2 in the document schedule, which was developed by the technical advisor and provided to the decision maker to be considered as part of the Decision Support document. As noted in the Decision Support document (Item 1), while concerns were initially raised by the technical advisor, these were mitigated by the inclusion of a condition requiring the applicant to obtain a conservation covenant if the project went ahead (Item 2a and Item 1, paragraph 4 refer). Please refer to Item 2 in the Document Schedule.

- 3. Any email correspondence to and from the technical advisor and decision maker and the relevant QEII representative who worked on the application.*

I have confirmed there was no QEII representative who worked on 107310-FAU. Your request is therefore refused under Section 18(e) of the OIA – the information does not exist.

### Document Schedule

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	2 February 2025	Wildlife Act Recommendations and Decision Report [107310-FAU]	Released in part.
2	2 October 2024	Technical assessment of “Protranz International Limited. WHITEROCK LIME QUARRY AND LANDFILL LIZARD MANAGEMENT PLAN”, under s 53 of the Wildlife Act 1953	Released in full.
3	5 December 2024	Email: 107310-FAU (WSP) LMP	Released in part.

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

- Personal information, under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people, and
- specific locations of threatened plant and animal species, under section 6(c) – to limit undesirable activity connected to threatened species, as making such information available is likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA 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 OIA.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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