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Ref: OIAD-5019

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Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 14 March 2025, for the following:

...the information DOC provided to the Environmental Law Initiative (ELI) in 2022 in response to its request for “all s 53 permits that have authorised killing or destruction of wildlife since the Supreme Court’s decision in PauaMac5 (which was relied upon by the High Court in agreeing with ELI that s 53 “kill” permits were unlawful).”

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

Your request is refused in full subject to section 18(d) of the OIA as the requested information is publicly available. The response and relevant attachments for the Environmental Law Initiative’s request [OIAD-2511] have been proactively released on DOC’s website at: [Official Information Act responses 2025](#).

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) may be published on DOC’s website.

Nāku noa, nā



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