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Ref: OIAD-5066

28 April 2025

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 26 March 2025, in which you asked:

Some time ago I was provided with a Mine Site Monitoring Report relating to the New Talisman Goldmining Ltds activity at Karangahake.

1) this report raised a number of questions for me, and I am unsure who within the Department I should direct those to? They included around the water movements onsite, the gaps in monitoring of the area

2) Have there been any subsequent monitoring reports for this area, and if so could you please send them to me? for information regarding Mine Site Monitoring Reports relating to the New Talisman Goldmining Ltd.'s activity at Karangahake.

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

On 1 April you clarified that your request related to the Mine Site Monitoring Report provided to you on 7 August 2024 (OIAD-4300 refers).

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

- 1. This report raised a number of questions for me, and I am unsure who within the Department I should direct those to?*

You may contact Operations Manager Kristine Theiss by email KTheiss@doc.govt.nz .

- 2. Have there been any subsequent monitoring reports for this area, and if so could you please send them to me?*

I have identified one report in scope of your request, titled Site Monitoring report and dated 16 November 2023. I have decided to release the relevant parts of this document, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

- information under section 6(d) – as the making available of the information would be likely to endanger any person,
- personal information, 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.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Jade Kinghazel
Regional Operations Director, Eastern North Island
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Document schedule

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	16 November 2023	General Monitoring report	Released in part