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Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 18 December 2024, in which you asked for:

“All briefings to ministers, and cabinet papers related to the future of the Chateau Tongariro. Please cover the period of September 1, 2024 to now.”

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

We have identified two documents to be within scope of your request. These documents are refused via Section 18(a) by virtue of having ground to withhold under Section 9 of the Act as outlined below:

- *24-B-0281 Briefing – Chateau Tongariro Options for Next Steps*: this document is withheld in full subject to section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.
- *Cabinet Paper – Chateau Tongariro Options for Next Steps*: this document is withheld in full subject to section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.

Material which you may find of interest

The Department regularly receives formal requests for information on the Chateau Tongariro as we consider future use options. In the interests of openness and transparency we proactively publish our responses to these requests (and associated attachments) which can be found on our Website at: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/news/oia-responses/>

Our previous responses to Official Information Act requests OIAD-4599 and OIAD-4509 may be of particular interest to you.

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.

If you would like to discuss this response with us, please contact Julie Chuor, Project Lead by email to ichuor@doc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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