



24 June 2025

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Ref: OIAD-5260

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 24 May 2025, in which you asked:

'I am requesting information of hui been had between DOC and the following.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This is in regards to the locked gate access that is on Raharuhi whenua .

The Waitai Raharuhi Trust look forward to hearing from you guys.'

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

On 30 May 2025 we attempted to clarify your request by informing you that we do not hold any information from a [REDACTED] and whether you were thinking of someone else. We have since determined that we do hold in scope information regarding a Hui with this individual (as outlined our response below).

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *Information of hui been had between DOC and [REDACTED]*

A summary Memo of a meeting held on 22 November 2024 is in scope of your request. This document is provided and accompanies our response as Attachment 1 (item 1)

For your reference I have also included an additional document that was released as supporting information to historical OIA requests regarding locked gate access on Raharuhi whenua. This document is provided and accompanies our response as Attachment 1 (Item 2).

2. *Information of hui been had between DOC and Melissa Ulrich*

As noted above, a summary Memo of a meeting held on 22 November 2024 is in scope of your request. This document is provided and accompanies our response Attachment 1 (item 1).

For a detailed summary of documents provided please refer to the Schedule of documents table below.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1.	22 November 2024	Memo – Meeting Summary Access Issues at Maitai Bay Gate	Released in part under section 9(2)(a)
2.	12 November & 17 December 2024	OIAD 3164 & OIAD 4589 – Supporting Documents	Released in part under section 9(2)(a)

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 OIA, as applicable:

- personal information, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,

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.

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Nāku noa, nā



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Te Papa Atawhai