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Ref: OIAD-5285

Tēnā koe

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

'Please can you confirm, and if available, provide me with a copy of any technical ecological reports completed along the lower reach of the Wairoa River, Tauranga Moana district. Particularly but not limited to the true right of the river, between the SHW2 bridge and the Railway line.'

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

Material in scope of your request (including relevant ecological reports) on the lower reach of the Wairoa River is provided and accompanies our response as Attachment 1 (Items 1 – 5). For a detailed summary of documents please refer to the table below.

Note: We understand that made a similar request to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) for information associated with the lower reaches of Wairoa River. Incidentally some of the material DOC holds includes relevant extracts from BOPRC reports which Council may have already provided you.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	1993	Department of Conservation – Tauranga Harbour Marshbird Habitat Survey – Volume II	Released in part
2	December 2006	BOPRC commissioned Wildland Consultants Report (extract) – Significant Indigenous vegetation and Habitats of Indigenous Fauna in the Coastal Environment of the Bay of Plenty Region	Released in part
3	6 June 2007	Department of Conservation - Wildlife Management Reserve Review (Gifting of Wetland – Margaret Jackson)	Released in part
4	2008	BOPRC commissioned Wildland Consultants Report (extract) – Natural Areas in Tauranga Ecological District	Released in part
5	2012	BOPRC commissioned Wildland Consultants Report (extract) – Significant Natural Areas in the Coastal Environment of the Bay of Plenty Region	Released in part

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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