

08 May 2025

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 10 April 2025, in which you asked for:

“Copies of the Wildlife authorisations issued since 4 November 2022 to today.”

On 28 April 2025, following correspondence from DOC about clarifying your request and the potential substantial collusion associated with the request, you refined and clarified your request to the following:

“... a spreadsheet of the Wildlife Act permissions and holders, on the basis that we will receive a response by 15 May. We ask that the spreadsheet contains the following information:

- *Authority holder;*
- *Nature of the authorisation;*
- *Nature of the activity;*
- *Location; and*
- *Date commencing and date expiring.”*

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

To respond to your request, a spreadsheet of Wildlife Act authorisations issued since 4 November 2022 to 16 April 2025 has been provided to you as Attachment 1: Table of Wildlife Act authorisations 04 November 2024 to 16 April 2025.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide information regarding locations of activities permits have been granted for, as there is no ability in the relevant DOC databases to record this information and would require substantial manual checks of documentation for each individual permission. Therefore, we are refusing this part of the request under section 18(f) – substantial collusion of material. I have borne in mind section 18B of the OIA but concluded that use of this provision would not assist in this case.

Notes on data

- An active status means that the term end date of the permit has not passed but does not necessarily mean that it is in active use by the holder. DOC issues permits for a set period time, during which an activity can be carried out at any point without notification to DOC.
- The names of individuals who hold permits have been withheld and anonymised under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA – to protect the privacy of natural persons This is consistent practice with our publicly available information regarding active concessions on DOC's website.¹

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



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¹ [Active concessions](#)