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Ref: OIAD-5156

Tēnā koe 

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

"I am seeking access to the lease and concession documents related to the Goldfields Railway Conservation Area in Waihi.

Goldfields Railway Incorporated Society are the current lease holders.

Could you please advise whether these documents are available for Council access, and if so, can you send me the copies please?"

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

On 1 May 2025 you clarified your request to confirm you are:

"...after the concession contracts held by Goldfields Railway Incorporated Society related to the Goldfields Railway Conservation Area in Waihi, the lease and licence contract, and the Deed of Variation to this contract."

Schedule 1, clause 10 of the Concession Document provides for three-yearly concession fee reviews. One such review was made in 2023, resulting in a change in the concession fee. We have included this letter in our response.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	28 June 2010	Concession Document (Lease and Licence) PAC 04-07-1002	Released in part
2	5 March 2014	Deed of Variation of a Concession Document BP-24658-OTH	Released in part
3	9 Nov 2023	Letter: Notice of concession fee review outcome	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,
- confidential information, under section 9(2)(j) – to enable the Crown to negotiate without disadvantage or prejudice.
- information under section 9(2)(k), to prevent the use of official information for improper gain.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Phillippa Fox', is positioned above the printed name.

Phillippa Fox
Director Regulatory Authorisations
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai