



29 May 2025

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Ref: OIAD-5169

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 01 May 2025, in which you asked for:

Please provide a copy of any access arrangements and any other forms of authorisation from the Department of Conservation held by Bathurst Resources or any other person for activities within that Project Area.

Please provide a copy of any information held by the Department in relation to the application by Bathurst Resources for the Buller Plateaux Continuation Project to be listed in the Fast-track Approvals Bill, and in relation to the proposed substantive application for the Buller Plateaux Continuation Project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (for example, records of pre-lodgement consultation, information about the Project provided to the Department by Bathurst Resources or related entities, advice by Department officials on the list application or proposed substantive application).

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

On 6 May 2025 we asked you to clarify and refine your request. You clarified that you were only wanting to receive authorisations in relation to extractives. You also noted that you had requested similar information from other agencies, so you did not wish your request to be transferred in part for communications or documents held by other agencies regarding the Buller Plateaux Continuation Project.

On 29 May 2025 we extended the timeframe to respond to your request to 23 June 2025 due to the consultation necessary.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed in the document schedule, 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.

Please note that the quality of the documentations varies due to the age of the documents.

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.

If you would like to discuss this response with us, please contact GovernmentServices@doc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

Phillippa Fox
Director Regulatory Authorisations
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Document schedule

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	10 November 2023	Bathurst Coal Authority	Released in full
2	19 June 2006-22 June 2023	Buller Coal Authorities	Released in part
3	13 November 2000-20 May 2022	BT Mining authorities	Released in part
4	9 August 1999-10 September 2021	Bathurst Resources authorities	Released in part
5	18 February-6 March 2025	Bathurst Fast Track correspondence (and associated documents)	Released in part