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23 September 2025

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 5 August 2025, in which you asked for information about concessions held by education providers, including details of those concessions and copies of related application material.

On 27 August 2025, you refined your request to seek information only on current concessions held by AUT, Wintec, Ara, Tai Poutini Polytechnic, and Otago Polytechnic, limited to (a) the original application and (b) the concession document (contract) for each provider. We have identified and are releasing the relevant documents for AUT, Wintec, Ara, and Tai Poutini Polytechnic. Otago Polytechnic does not currently hold any DOC concessions, so no information is available for that provider.

On 1 September 2025, we extended the timeframe to respond to your request to 23 September 2025, as consultation with the institutions was necessary to make a decision.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed in the schedule below, subject to information being withheld under the following section 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 in release under section 9(1) of the OIA and determined there are no public interest considerations 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phillippa Fox', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Phillippa Fox
Director Regulatory Authorisations
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Document Schedule

OIAD-5554 – combined documents				
Holder	Item	Date	Document description	Decision
AUT	1	26 June 2021	Application – Research or Collection Authorisation	Released in part
	1a	29 September 2021	Research and Collection Authority – 94811-RES	Released in part
Wintec	2	15 November 2023	Application form – Research or Collection Authorisation	Released in part
	2a	18 February 2025	Research and Collection Authority – Authorisation 111495-RES	Released in part
Ara	3	22 May 2022	Applicant Information Form 1a – Notified or Non-notified process	Released in part
	3a	22 May 2022	Application for Land Based Guiding Activities	Released in part
	3b	22 May 2022	Application form 4b – Guiding/Tourism/Recreation: Watercraft Activities	Released in full
	3c	22 May 2022	Supporting maps and photographs	Released in full
	3d	9 February 2023	Concession Document (Guiding Permit) Concession 81385-INS Note: The Concession holder shown is Te Pūkenga however they are now trading as ‘Ara Institute of Canterbury’	Released in part
Tai Poutini Polytechnic	4	16 November 2021	Application form – Land based Guiding Activities	Released in part
	4a	16 November 2021	Application form 4b – Guiding/Tourism/Recreation: Water Craft Activities	Released in part
	4b	16 November 2021	Supporting maps and photographs	Released in full
	4c	16 November 2021	Supporting maps and photographs	Released in full
	4d	16 November 2021	Tai Poutini Polytechnic – Outdoor Education Department Safety manual	Released in part
	4e	25 May 2022	Concession Document (Guiding Permit) Concession 97595-GUI	Released in part