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Tēnā koe [redacted]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 9 July 2026, in which you asked:

1) *Between **November 2022 and October 2023** how many applications to access PCL for mining related activities were processed by DOC?*
2) *What percent of these were approved, declined, withdrawn or returned?*

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

Between November 2022 and October 2023, DOC processed 62 applications for access to public conservation land for mining-related activities. Of these applications, 100% were approved. None were declined, withdrawn or returned.

For the purpose of this response, “approved” includes concessions recorded in DOC’s systems as Active, Active Varied, Approved or Expired. Concessions recorded as “Approved” have been approved by DOC but have not yet been countersigned by the applicant and are therefore not yet active. Concessions recorded as “Expired” were previously approved and have subsequently reached the end of their term.

Of the 62 approvals we did in that year:

- 42 were an authority to enter and operate, that is an approval for a yearly work programme for an existing access arrangement
- 4 were variations to existing access arrangements
- 7 were new access arrangements

Please also note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached document(s) may be published on DOC’s website.

Nāku noa, nā

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