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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 13 January 2026, in which you asked for:

“I would like to request some information relating to the recently announced Petone to Grenada link road RoNS project in Wellington. I understand that the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) is currently preparing an application for the project to be referred under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA).

Based on current high-level route maps released by NZTA, I understand that the proposed road would run through Seton Nossiter Park and the Gilbert Bush Reserve. Both appear to be classified as scenic reserves under the Reserves Act 1977.

Could you please confirm whether DOC has had any engagement with NZTA to date in relation to the proposed road?

If so, could you please provide copies of any correspondence held relating to that engagement (including, but not limited to, emails, letters, agendas, notes, minutes, slides/presentations or maps).

If there has been no engagement, could you please confirm as such?

Further, my understanding is that DOC could be required to provide a report under s 19 of the FTAA if a referral application is made. Has DOC commenced preparation of any report?”

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

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

Could you please confirm whether DOC has had any engagement with NZTA to date in relation to the proposed road?

Yes, DOC has had engagement with NZTA regarding the proposed Petone to Grenada road. Please find this information attached as Appendix One.

Further, my understanding is that DOC could be required to provide a report under s 19 of the FTAA if a referral application is made. Has DOC commenced preparation of any report?

At this stage, DOC has not commenced preparation of a section 19 report.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed in the document schedule at the end of this letter, 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, and
- to prevent improper gain or advantage under section 9(2)(k).

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.

Nāku noa, nā



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Director Regulatory Systems Performance
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Te Papa Atawhai

Document schedule

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	22 October 2025	Email correspondence	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
2	None	Email attachment: Request for Fast-track Pre-lodgement Consultation	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
3	None	Email attachment: Petone to Grenada	Released in full.
4	22 October 2025 - 28 October 2025	Email correspondence	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
5	27 October 2025	Email attachment: Cost recovery Initial Deposit Letter	Released in full.
6	9 December 2025	Email correspondence	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
7	None	Email attachment: Petone to Grenada	Released in full.
8	5 December 2025 to 10 December 2025	Email correspondence	Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a), and 9(2)(k).
9	4 December 2025	Email attachment: Petone to Grenada RoNS-FTAA Referral Application	Released in full.
10	4 December 2025	Email attachment: Petone to Grenada - FTAA Consultation on Referral Application – DOC	Released in full.
11	5 December 2025 to 18 December 2025	Email correspondence	Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a), and 9(2)(k).