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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 16 December 2025, in which you asked for:

I am making an OIA request. I am a research assistant at Victoria University of Wellington looking at long-term (50-500 year) planning, and I am requesting the plan regarding the restoration of Motutapu Island. To be even more specific, I would like this document which I found referenced on a publicly available PDF: Department of Conservation June 1992. A Draft Working Plan for the Revegetation of Motutapu, Unpublished draft report, Department of Conservation, Auckland.

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

On 18 December 2025 you clarified (or refined) your request to receive a copy of “Motutapu Restoration Working Plan 1994”. We suggested that you may prefer to receive the final plan, which was approved in 1994, rather than the June 1992 draft document. This was on the basis that the June 1992 document you requested was a draft of 1994 Motutapu Restoration Working Plan.

You also agreed to our proactive suggestion to release another document to you that you may also find helpful regarding the restoration of Motutapu Island, which is “Motutapu Restoration Plan Audit, September 2010”.

The purpose of the 2010 “Motutapu Restoration Plan Audit” was to review what had been achieved to date on the ecological restoration objectives of the “Motutapu Restoration Working Plan”. The “Motutapu Restoration Working Plan” was developed by the Department in consultation with the Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Trust and other interested groups and was endorsed by the Auckland Conservation Board in 1994.

Please find attached copies of the two documents, as set out below.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	1994	Motutapu Restoration Working Plan 1994, Unpublished Department of Conservation document	Released in full.
2	September 2010	Motutapu Restoration Plan Audit, September 2010 Helen Lindsay	Released in full.

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



Nāku noa, nā

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Te Papa Atawhai