

28 May 2026

Conservation House
Department of Conservation
18-32 Manners Street
Te Aro, Wellington, 6011
Suburb, town, postcode
doc.govt.nz

Ref: OIAD-6282

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (the Department), received on 24 April 2026, seeking information relating to Reefton Gold's Hauraki access arrangement application recently lodged, including the application, associated communications, and any decision documents when they become available. You requested:

'that application, any communications the Department has had relating to it and any decision documents - when they are all legally available.'

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

In relation to the Decision Support Document, this is still in draft and has not been finalised. Your request for this document is therefore refused under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, as it remains under active development.

Unfortunately, we are unable to lodge an OIA request for documents in advance of them being made available. The OIA only applies to material in existence at the time a request is lodged. You are invited to lodge a new request for the decision document in the future.

With regards to the rest of your request, please find attached all email correspondence relating to Reefton Gold's latest application (Attachment 1).

Also attached is Reefton Gold's application documentation (provided as attachment 2), as detailed in the document schedule below.

I have decided to release relevant parts of documents listed in the documents table, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- 6(c) – as making the information available would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial,
- personal contact details of officials, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,

- commercially sensitive information, under section 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information,
- 9(2)(c) – to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public,
- free and frank expression under section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs.
- 9(2)(j) – to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act and determined there are no public interests 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 Official Information Act.

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

[REDACTED]

Nāku noa, nā



Phillippa Fox
Director Regulatory Authorisations
Biodiversity, Heritage and Visitors
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Document schedule

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	9-24 April 2026	All email correspondence	Released in part
2.1	2 April 2026	<i>'260402_Glamorgan AA Application FINAL'</i> Access arrangement application – prepared by Reefton Gold Ltd	Released in part
2.1 A	11 November 2024	<i>'Appendix A - Biosearches Report 2024'</i> Ecological Values and Constraints – prepared by Biosearches	Released in part
2.1 B	17 December 2025	<i>'Appendix B - Biosearches Report 2025'</i> Desktop Review and Site Walkthrough – prepared by Biosearches	Released in part
2.1 C	31 March 2026	<i>'Appendix C - Biosearches Report 2026'</i> Ecological Impact Assessment - prepared by Biosearches	Released in part
2.1 D & F-I	7 April 2026	<i>'Appendix D & F-I Ecological Management Plans'</i> Ecological Management Plan - prepared by Biosearches	Released in part
2.1 J	2023-2025	<i>'Appendix J - Iwi Consultation 2023-2025'</i> prepared by Reefton Gold Ltd	Released in part
2.1 K	31 March 2026	<i>'Appendix K - HeritageMgmtPlan&AccDiscProtocol'</i> Heritage Management Plan & Accidental Discovery Protocol - prepared by Reefton Gold Ltd	Released in part
2.1 L	-	<i>'Appendix L - Archaeological Survey low res'</i> Archaeological Survey - prepared by Southern Archaeology	Released in part
2.1 M	26 May 2025	<i>'Appendix M - RGL SOP Protestors'</i> Standard Operating Procedure, Managing Protestors - prepared by Reefton Gold Ltd.	Released in part
2.1 N	5 June 2025	<i>'Appendix N - Alton SOP Protestors'</i> Standard Work Procedure – Uninvited Visitors at Drill Rig Sites - prepared by Alton Drilling	Withheld in full 9(2)(c)

2.2	2 April 2026	<i>'260402_Glamorgan AA Application - RFI Response' Response for request for further information'</i> Access Arrangement Application, Request for Further Information - prepared by Reefton Gold Ltd.	Released in part
2.3	-	<i>'Mining Permit holder bond submission form Glamorgan'</i> Mining Access Arrangement Bon Submission Form	Released in part
2.4	-	<i>'RGL_AA_Timeline'</i>	Released in full
2.5	4 December 2024	<i>'60950.02 - Change Certificate'</i>	Released in part
2.6	-	<i>'Location Map'</i>	Withheld in full 9(2)(b)(ii)
2.7	-	<i>'Site Locations_2026'</i>	Released in part
2.8	2 April 2026	<i>'RGL EP60950 AA Application Form'</i>	Released in part