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Tēnā koe [redacted]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 30 September 2026, in which you asked for:

> *I request a copy of Horowhenua District Council's request for reconsideration of DoC's decision regarding a concession for a vehicle track across DoC's stewardship land at Waikawa Beach. My request includes the completed request application form and any additional information provided by HDC, please.*

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

I am releasing the following documents:

Attachment One: Horowhenua District Council's completed reconsideration request form for permission 125600-OTH, dated 21 October 2026, released in full.

Attachment Two: Council's supporting memorandum, titled "Memorandum – Reconsideration Request – Waikawa Beach Easement (125600-OTH) – 20 October 2026".

Some information has been withheld from Attachment Two under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. In making this decision, I have considered the public interest under section 9(1) of the OIA and do not consider that it outweighs the need to withhold this information.

Material outside the scope of your request has also been removed from Attachment Two and marked accordingly.

The reconsideration process has two stages. The first stage is the decision on whether to accept the request and proceed to a substantive reconsideration. This decision is made in accordance with the reconsideration position statement.

The second stage is the substantive reconsideration. Where DOC has accepted a reconsideration request, DOC will undertake the substantive reconsideration of the concession decision in question.

No decision has yet been made on the Horowhenua District Council's reconsideration request.

For more information about how DOC considers reconsideration requests, please see Reconsiderations – Position Statement and Permissions application process: Permissions

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

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Nāku noa, nā



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