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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 28 August 2026, in which you asked for:

I'd be grateful if you would provide me with a copy of the DoC decision declining Horowhenua District Council's concession application at Waikawa Beach for a vehicle easement on DoC land. I would also like a copy of the letter communicating this decision to HDC. Please call me if clarification is needed.

I am providing the Complex Conservation Act Recommendation and Decision Report for application 125600-OTH as **Attachment One**. The report records DOC's decision, made on 9 July 2026, to decline Horowhenua District Council's application for a vehicle access easement at Waikawa Beach.

I am also providing DOC's letter of 30 July 2026 notifying Horowhenua District Council of the decision as **Attachment Two**.

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) may be published on the Department's website.

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Nāku noa, nā



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