

Department of Conservation Status Report

for the Minister of Conservation

Week beginning 19 June 2023

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Minister of Conservation



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For World Ocean's Day on 8 June, we celebrated Hector's dolphin on our social media channels. We featured collaborative research trying to find out how we can coexist sustainably with this rare taonga species.

📷: Tom Brough, NZ Whale and Dolphin Trust



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2.2 Closure of Chateau Tongariro

- We have heard from Te Papa Tongarewa that they do not currently have storage capacity for the Carl Kahler Pink and White Terraces painting. We will continue to explore opportunities for KNZ to place the painting with another museum or art gallery.
- In the meantime, we are preparing to advise KNZ of a deadline date to remove their chattels, including the painting, from the hotel.
- This will allow us to revise the heating and security arrangements we have in place which are influenced by the presence of the privately-owned chattels.

s.9(2)(h)

Contact: Karl Beckert, Director Operations Support: s.9(2)(a) Heading 2

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Found in the Chatham Islands, the Rangatira spider reaches up to 12cm across, making it one of the largest and rarest spider species in Aotearoa. They don't use webs to catch their prey. Instead, they pounce on their dinner from tree trunks and the forest floor. Their favourite snacks are wētā. 📷: Mark Anderson



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- On 25 July, Heritage New Zealand provided us with a copy of the Detailed Seismic Assessment (DSA) for the Chateau, this indicates a New Building Standard (NBS) of 15% for the building.
- We are using the information within the DSA to support our ongoing legal and commercial conversations with Kah NZ Ltd around the end of lease provisions.
- We are also having independent engineers review the assessment to identify further work which may be needed to better understand the issues with the building, along with identifying if there are greater Health and Safety issues which could impact our staff and the general public.
- There has been considerable media interest in the DSA. We are working with the legal team at Heritage New Zealand about the public release of this document in the coming weeks.

Next steps

- We will keep you updated on progress.

Contact: *Shan Baththana Mudiyansele, Director Business Services:* s.9(2)(a)

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