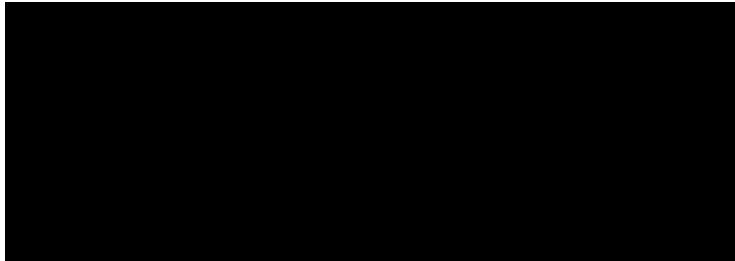




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Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request to the Department of Conservation, dated 17 September 2017. The purpose of the Threatened Species Strategy is to set out a co-ordinated plan to halt the decline of New Zealand's threatened species and restore them to healthy populations. The draft Threatened Species Strategy was released on 10 May 2017 for consultation, with the submission period closing on 31 July 2017. Due to the number of submissions, and the level of detail and suggestions in submissions, we plan to conduct some further targeted engagement prior to finalising the Strategy. Therefore, we now expect the Strategy to be released later this year. In relation to submissions, you requested:

all the submissions ... a list of submitters and ... a summary of the issues they raised

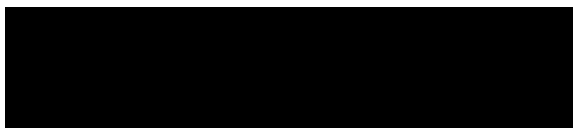
Two documents fall within the scope of your request. The first, a Summary of Submissions, is attached, and released in full.

The second document, a full compilation of submissions received, is currently being prepared. Due to the work involved in processing almost 200 submissions, I am extending the time allowed to respond to this part of the request under section 15A(1) of the Official Information Act 1982. We require an additional nine working days to respond to your request. We will send you the second part of the response no later than 27 October 2017, earlier if possible.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to make a complaint to an Ombudsman about the extension.

Both documents and this letter (with your personal details removed) will also be made available to you via the Department of Conservation website, at <http://www.doc.govt.nz/oia-responses>.

Yours sincerely,



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