

15 April 2021

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 16 February 2021 in which you asked for:

Under the OIA please may I see all documents, reports, emails and minutes relating to the review of stewardship land, from October last year until now. Also any correspondence or briefings on this topic with the minister, or affected parties.

On 22 February 2021 you refined your request to any information around preliminary work to review the status of stewardship land.

On 16 March 2021 we extended your request to 15 April 2021 due to the large quantity of information to be sourced, reviewed, and collated.

Item	Document description	Decision
1	Stewardship land notes	Released in part
2	Stewardship land scoping doc	Released in part
3	Stewardship land reclassification – discussion of survey requirements	Released in part

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act. The information that is being withheld is advice and correspondence between Department officials and the Minister's office. The content of this correspondence is still under active consideration. It is noted that decisions are pending. Once these decisions have been made the redacted information will likely be proactively released.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.



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 enclosed documents may be published on the Department's website.

If you wish to discuss this with the Department, please contact Anna Cameron – Strategic Operations Manager on [REDACTED] or by email amcameron@doc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marie Long'.

Marie Long
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Te Papa Atawhai