



21 September 2022



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request to the Department of Conservation, received on 02 August 2022 in which you asked for:

“With respect, the latest Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board public papers for August’s meeting refers to an Amuri irrigation permission, that was referred to the board, and approved. Can DoC please provide copies of the application, an assessment of environmental effects (if one exists), the conservation board’s advice, and the decision maker’s approval report?”

On 4 August 2022 we transferred your request in full under section 14 of the OIA to the Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board. This was subsequently transferred back to us on 11 August 2022. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused, and note that we have since continued to operate on the timeframe of receiving your request on 2 August 2022.

On 26 August 2022 we extended your request until 13 September 2022 due to consultations required to make a decision on your request.

We subsequently sent you a decision letter on 13 September 2022 noting that we required further time to prepare our response for release.

Our response

On 1 February 2022 a decision was made by us to grant a concession to Amuri Irrigation Company Limited. A summary of the decision can be viewed on pages 65-67 in the attached Decision Support Document (DSD).

The information in scope of your request is listed in the table below and attached to this letter.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	01/02/2022	Decision Support Document (DSD) <i>decision maker’s approval report as requested</i>	Released in part, signature redacted under section 9(2)(a)



2	25/09/2020	Application (includes ecological assessments)	Released in part, signatures redacted under section 9(2)(a)
3	July 2021	Board advice sheet July 2021	Released in full
4	30/09/2021	Board letter September 2021	Released in part, signature redacted under section 9(2)(a)

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- personal contact details of officials, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act and determined there are no public interests which outweigh the grounds for withholding.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

Steve Taylor
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Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai