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Tēnā koe Stephen

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 19 March 2024.  
You stated:

*In a recent Spinoff article*

*<https://thespinoff.co.nz/politics/14-03-2024/we-cant-find-the-environmental-group-that-was-extensively-consulted-on-the-fast-track-consenting-bill>  
Ruth Isaac is quoted*

*“DOC provided advice to the government on the fast track consenting bill, and the minister of conservation was one of the key ministers who developed the policy and the bill,”*

*Please provide a copy of the advice referenced in this article.*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

The information you have requested is soon to be made publicly available. I must therefore refuse your request under section 18(d) 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) may be published on the Department's website. If you would like to discuss this response with us, please contact [governmentservices@doc.govt.nz](mailto:governmentservices@doc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

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*Te Papa Atawhai*