

TE UREWERA

13 July 2022

Tēnā koe Mr Smith

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Part of your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation was transferred to the Te Urewera Board for response. Specifically, the requests transferred were:

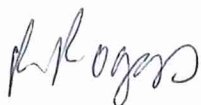
- 1. All meeting agendas and meeting minutes of the Te Urewera Board from 1 January 2018 to date. If DOC does not hold these, please transfer this part of the request to the appropriate agency.*
- 3. An electronic copy of the statutory, contractual or otherwise legal basis on which the Te Urewera Board or the Tūhoe people have denied DOC staff access into Te Urewera to do maintenance work*
- 4. An electronic copy of the statutory, contractual or otherwise legal basis on which the Te Urewera Board or the Tūhoe people have closed Lake Waikaremoana to the public, inhibited boat owners to access their boats, and restricted access to the public to Te Urewera as a whole*

The Board is prepared to make the agendas and meeting minutes available to you. The documents you have requested are available for inspection at Te Kura Whare and we will be happy to talk to you face to face about our work. Making the information available in this way is in accordance with our Tūhoetana, and is consistent with section 16(1)(a) of the Official Information Act.

There is no information relating to the second item as no such denial has happened. Tūhoe Te Uru Taumatua leads the operational management of Te Urewera and the Department provides support when asked. In relation to the third item, the Board made it clear it was exercising its responsibilities under the Te Urewera Act and that the key reason for closure was to keep the vulnerable communities within Te Urewera safe from Covid.

Please phone to make a time to visit.

Nāku noa, nā



Rereata Rogers
Te Urewera Board Administrator