

14 March 2024

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Tēnā koe Stephen

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 16 January 2024, in which you asked for:

“Please supply all submitted Works Approval requests and surrounding correspondence for Turoa Ski Field from 1 August 2023.”

This letter is further to our earlier correspondence of 6 March 2024, in which we advised you that we had made a decision on your request but that additional time was required to prepare material for release. Thank you for your patience while we finalised that process.

As previously advised, I have decided to release relevant parts of the documents listed in the Table 1 Schedule of documents attached to this letter. Some information, as previously indicated, is withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- section 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA and determined there are no public interests that 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 OIA.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached documents may be published on the Department’s website.

Nāku noa, nā



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Te Papa Atawhai

Table 1 - Schedule of documents

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	24 November 2023 – 15 January 2024	The Lines Company - work approval emails	Released in part – section 9(2)(a).
2	6 – 21 December 2023	Ngāti Haua - consultation emails	Released in part – section 9(2)(a).
3	5 December 2023 –	Ngāti Rangī - consultation emails	Released in part – section 9(2)(a).
4	13 November 2023 – 15 January 2024	RAL - works approval application emails	Released in part – section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii). Note, some material in this bundle does not relate to the Works Approval and is marked out of scope.
5	5 – 8 December 2023	Te Korowai o Wainuiarua - consultation emails	Released in part – section 9(2)(a).
6	21 November 2023 – 11 January 2024	Ruapehu District Council - building consent - emails	Released in part – section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii).