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Tēnā koe Stephen

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 03 May 2024 in which you asked for:

- 1) All communication between DOC and PwC or Calibre covering the surrender of the RAL concessions for Turoa and Whakapapa Skifields.
- 2) All DOC communications internally, with MBIE or to the Minister covering this issue.
- 3) All DOC analysis of the impact on the surrender of the Whakapapa concession, with or without a new concessionaire.

This letter is to advise you that we are extending the 20 working day period to respond to your request, as allowed under section 15A(1) of the Official Information Act 1982. We require an additional 9 days to respond to your request. We will send you a response no later than 14 June 2024, earlier if possible.

The extension of time is necessary as it necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Department.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to make a complaint to an Ombudsman about the extension.

If you wish to discuss this response to your request, please contact <u>governmentservices@doc.govt.nz</u>.

Nāku noa, nā

Stacey Wrenn Director Regulatory Authorisations (acting) Department of Conservation *Te Papa Atawhai*