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Tēnā koe Stephen

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 31 August 2024 in which you asked for:

1. *All correspondence since 1 Jan 2024 between DOC and other Crown agencies regarding costs to make good the Whakapapa ski concession area, and associated facilities. For instance lift removal, remediation, ski field buildings, ski club lodges and related infrastructure such as reticulated services etc. Please include all, identified costs such as DOC internal personnel, contract resources as backfill where staff are assigned, or fixed term employees tasked to manage or participate in this work.*

*Please provide the information in 6 monthly periods where this is available.*

2. *The forecast income loss that DOC will experience as a result of the cessation of ski field operations. Including discussions with other crown agencies.*
3. *All internal DOC correspondence identifying how these figures were determined, and the degree of confidence.*
4. *All documentation correspondence from 1 Jan 2024 that addresses scenarios to reduce or mitigate the financial impact of such an outcome.*
5. *All ministerial briefings or updates which address this outcome*

On 18 September we sought to clarify your request. Your reply confirmed that timeframes associated with your query could be refined from 1 January to 31 August 2024. You also confirmed that for question 4:

*'I wish to receive all information that covers operating scenarios which reduce the requirement for make good activities. For instance retention of some facilities such as newer infrastructure or repurposing buildings to provide alternate functions enabling them to be retained through for an extended period.'*

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 15 days to respond to your request. We will send you a response no later than 18 October 2024, earlier if possible.



The extension of time is necessary as the consultations necessary to make a decision on the request mean that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. The length of the extension is also representative of the need to search through a large quantity of information to service your request and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the Department's operations.

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 [governmentservices@doc.govt.nz](mailto:governmentservices@doc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stacey Wrenn'.

Stacey Wrenn  
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*Te Papa Atawhai*