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Tēnā koe Matt

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 02 December 2024, in which you asked for:

'a copy of all emails sent and received between DOC and Pure Turoa Managers or Directors for three months September to November 2024.'

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

On 15 January 2025 we extended the timeframe to respond to your request to 12 February 2025 due to the consultation necessary to respond to your request.

The documents scheduled for release are listed in Table 1 – Schedule of documents at the end of this response. Please note that the Department does not hold any in scope material for the month of November.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents, subject to information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act 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 Official Information Act.

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

Nāku noa, nā



Table 1 - Schedule of documents

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	2 September 2024	Emails: PTL – DOC Monthly Concession Meeting Agenda, notes, and actions.	Released in part
2	10 September 2024	Emails: August work plan	Released in part
3	11 September	Email: Query regarding variation	Released in part
3A	10 July 2024	Email: Technical Variation query	Released in part
4	11 September 2024	Emails: PTL Multiple variation report, current status & next steps	Released in part
5	13 September 2024	Emails: Rāhui & communications surrounding death	Released in part
6	16 – 17 September 2024	Email: Heli Bombing risk assessment and run plan	Released in part
6A	N/A	Document: VAL Escalation / De Escalation Protocol	Released in part
7	24 -25 September 2024	Emails: PTL – DOC Monthly Concession Meeting Agenda, notes, and actions.	Released in part
8	17 – 20 September 2024	Emails: Re-authorisation for avalanche control outside the ski area boundary	Released in part
8A	17 September 2024	Letter: Avalanche control outside Tūroa ski area boundaries under risk management stage B	Released in part
9	27 September 2024	Email: PTL VAL Escalation Deescalation protocol adjustments	Released in part
9A	27 September 2024	Document: VAL Escalation / De Escalation Protocol. Note: The rest of the document is as included in 6A.	Released in part

10	27 September 2024	Email: Pure Tūroa Limited – Avalanche Activities outside of Tūroa Ski Area within the 1.5km exclusion zone under risk management stage B	Released in part
10A	25 September 2024	Letter: Avalanche control outside Tūroa ski area boundaries under risk management stage B	Released in part
11	2 October 2024	Emails: PRL summer activities variation	Released in part
11A	1 October 2024	Letter: Summer use of ski field pre application variation advice	Released in part
12	16 October 2024	Email: Nga Wai Heke	Released in part