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Ref: OIAD-6124

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Tēnā koe Nigel

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 22 February 2026 in which you asked for information related to forestry impacts to the environment (slash, sedimentation and erosion) and external influence over public communications and decision-making.

This letter is to advise you that we are extending the twenty (20) working day period to respond to your request, as allowed under section 15A(1) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). We require an additional twenty-six (26) days to respond to your request. We will send you a response no later than 30 April 2026, earlier if possible.

The extension of time is required to be able to make a decision on and prepare a proper response to your request as consultation with relevant parties is necessary, and this cannot reasonably be completed within the original time limit.

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

If you wish to discuss this response to your request, please contact [OIATeam@doc.govt.nz](mailto:OIATeam@doc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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