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Tēnā koe Levonne

Thank you for your request for official information, received on 12 April 2026 in which you requested information concerning spraying in the Te Henga / Bethells Beach wetland area.

I am transferring part of your request under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982, to the Auckland Council as the information to which it relates is more closely connected with that Department's functions.

Questions transferred:

Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE): Any internal reports, ecological assessments, or advice held by DOC regarding the potential impact of aerial spraying on the nesting cycles of the Matuku and the roosting/foraging behavior of the Long-tailed bat in this specific Significant

Ecological Area (SEA). Monitoring Requirements: Details of any requirements for on-site ecological monitoring during the spray to ensure no "take" or "disturbance" of protected wildlife occurs.

Auckland Council will correspond with you directly in relation to this matter.

I apologise for the delay in transferring this request and advise you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman regarding this delay.

Nāku noa, nā

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