

Hon Tama Potaka

Minister of Conservation
Minister for Māori Crown Relations
Minister for Māori Development
Minister for Whānau Ora
Associate Minister of Housing



Ref: OIAM-348
OIATP-413

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Tēnā koe Ms Livingston

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), dated 27 June 2026. You requested the following:

- "1. Copies of all complaints and concerns Tama Potaka in his capacity as minister of Dept of Conservation have received from any third party, including stakeholders, any expert, any MP or other Minister, any other authority, and/or any member of the public about the risks or harm or potential harm from actual or proposed use of 1080 poison on DOC or adjacent land from the dates starting 1st January 2025 to December 31st 2025.*
- 2. Information showing how Tama and/or his advisors responded to each such complaint or concern. "*

Initial searches have identified at least 650 emails within the scope of your request. Reviewing, assessing, and collating this volume of information would require substantial collation and research, such that the information cannot reasonably be made available.

As such, I must refuse your request under section 18(f) of the OIA.

I have borne in mind section 18A of the OIA but concluded that use of this provision would not assist in this case.

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 OIA.

Mauriora

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tama Potaka'.

Hon Tama Potaka
Minister of Conservation