

8 April 2024

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 11 March 2024, in which you asked for “*all engineering reports, design statements, plans, concept plans, status reports, surveyed areas and the full Historic Prescient view and findings to allow Iwi to make a meaningful contribution to the proposed changes*” in relation to the Chateau Tongariro.

On 13 March 2024, you clarified your request to “all information that has been undertaken to determine its earthquake strengthening status and hence no longer used”.

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

We have identified documents within the scope of your request which are detailed in the table below.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	24 February 2023	Chateau Tongariro – Detailed Seismic Assessment	Released in full
2	29 September 2023	Initial Seismic Assessment Report	Released in full
3	24 July 2023	Email: FW Chateau Tongariro DSA – Commercial in confidence	Released in part
4	27 January 2022	Email: Heritage protection at the Chateau Tongariro Hotel	Released in part
5	25 July 2023	Email: The Chateau Tongariro Detailed Seismic Assessment	Released in part

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- personal contact details and the names of third parties, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people; and

- commercially sensitive information, under section 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information.

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) may be published on the Department's website.

If you would like to discuss this response with us, please contact Government Services by email to governmentservices@doc.govt.nz.

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