

14 August 2024

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Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 17 July 2024, in which you asked for:

Any reports on the stewardship land review over the past six months
Any correspondence with the Minister on this over the past six months
Any memos etc on this over the past six months.

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

Two documents have been identified as falling within the scope of your request:

| Item | Date | Document description | Decision |
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| 1. | 17 Jun 2024 | 24-B-0293 Stewardship Land reclassification – letters to National Panel members | Released in part |
| 2. | 1 February 2024 | 24-B-0015 Background and progress update on the reclassification of stewardship land | Released in part |

I have decided to release in part 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 of officials, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,
- advice still under consideration, section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials,
- free and frank expression under section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs,

- information which would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information, under section 9(2)(b)(ii), and
- information which would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, under section 9(2)(ba)(i)

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.

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