

22 August 2024

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Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 31 July 2024, in which you asked for:

“...all reports and any related communications and discussions (eg emails including attachments, letters, texts etc) between the owners of the Chateau Tongariro and the Department of Conservation specifically pertaining to the structural integrity of the Chateau Tongariro in relation to the buildings performance in an earthquake (eg copies of all initial seismic ratings and/or comprehensive seismic assessments etc) which have been either:


- 1. Proposed by the owners of the Chateau Tongariro and/or the Department of Conservation between 1 Feb 2011 and 1 Feb 2020*
- 2. Commissioned by either the owners of the Chateau Tongariro and/or the Department of Conservation between 1 Feb 2011 and 1 Feb 2020*
- 3. Finalised and accepted by either the owners of the Chateau Tongariro and/or the Department of Conservation between 1 Feb 2011 and 1 Feb 2020.”*

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


Your request for the above information is refused in full under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act as the information requested is not held by the Department. For context we have searched our systems and determined that we do not hold any documents or information concerning the structural integrity of the Chateau Tongariro relating to the building's performance in an earthquake (between the period of 1 February 2011 to 1 February 2020) that have been proposed, commissioned, finalised or accepted by either Kah New Zealand Limited or the Department of Conservation.

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.



Nāku noa, nā



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