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File LCA-17-01

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Dear Keith

### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your email of 22 March 2010 in which you requested information regarding the proposal (announced on 22nd March 2010) to remove 7058 hectares of land from Schedule Four of the Crown Minerals Act.

I understand you have made the same request to the Ministry of Economic Development. I will leave it to the Ministry of Economic Development to respond to you in regard to information it holds. Below, I respond to each of your requests in turn in relation to information held by the Department of Conservation:

**1. Estimates of the value of royalties from expected mining operations in the affected area.**

The Department of Conservation has no such information. Your request is therefore declined on grounds that it does not exist (section 18(e) OIA refers).

**2. Estimates of the net revenue impact of the proposal.**

Some information on mineral values is included in the public discussion document and Cabinet papers (including material prepared jointly by DOC and MED), and specialist reports relating to particular areas, that are publicly available on the website of the Ministry of Economic Development ([www.med.govt.nz/schedule4](http://www.med.govt.nz/schedule4)). Apart from that information, the Department of Conservation has no such estimates. Your request is therefore declined on grounds that it is publicly available or that it does not exist (sections 18(d) and 18(e) OIA refer).

**3. Correspondence within the department about the availability of cost estimates for this proposal.**

There is no such correspondence. Your request is therefore declined on grounds that it does not exist (section 18(e) OIA refers).

**4. Correspondence between the department and the Minister of Conservation about the availability of cost estimates for this proposal.**

There is no such correspondence. Your request is therefore declined on grounds that it does not exist (section 18(e) OIA refers).

Yours sincerely

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**Acting Director General**  
Department of Conservation