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Tēnā koe Katherine

Thank you for your email of 15 March 2023 requesting information relating to Julian Batchelor and the Cape Brett walkway. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 ('OIA').

On 29 March 2023, the Department of Conservation ('the Department') contacted you, suggesting refining the timeframe in which you are seeking information from 1 January 2015 to the date of your request, 15 March 2023.

As we have not heard back from you regarding our suggested refinement, we proceeded with the timeframe for the information you requested to be from 1 January 2015 to 15 March 2023.

I am writing to advise you that I have made my decision on the information to be released in response to your request. However, more time is required to prepare the response for release.

I have decided to grant your official information request. You will be provided with the requested information, no later than 23 May 2023, sooner if possible. Please note that some of the information is to be withheld pursuant to section 9 of the OIA.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA and determined there are no public interests which 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 OIA.

If you wish to discuss this decision letter, please contact governmentservices@doc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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Te Papa Atawhai