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Tēnā koe Stephen Prendergast

On 21 November 2023, part of your request under the Official Information Act (1982) was transferred to the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE). Specifically, the part of your request for the following information:

*Key documents and reports between Te Arawhiti and other government departments regarding the management of the concessions.*

*This request covers the period 1 January 2023 onwards.*

MBIE has identified the following 11 documents to be within scope of your request:

#	Date	Type	Document Title	Decision
1	12 May 2023	Briefing	2223-3806 Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited – Proceeding with negotiations – Talking Points for Cabinet on 15 May 2023	18(d)
2	17 May 2023	Aide Memoire	2223-3901 Ruapehu Alpine Lifts – Negotiation Parameters – Cabinet Paper for Ministerial Consultation	18(d)
3	19 May 2023	Aide Memoire	2223-3951 Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited – Negotiations parameters– Talking Points for Cabinet on 22 May 2023	18(d)
4	9 June 2023	Briefing	2223-4186 Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited – Final Deal – Talking points for Cabinet 12 June 2023	18(d)
5	21 June 2023	Briefing	2223-4334 Post watershed options	18(d)
6	31 August 2023	Briefing	2324-0655 Update on Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (in liquidation) (RAL) - recent developments and next steps	Withhold in full
7	8 September 2023	Cover Briefing	2324-0716 Cover Briefing - Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) – option for government support	Withhold in full
8	22 September 2023	Briefing	2324-0753 Draft Cabinet paper: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) – options for government support	Withhold in full

9	2 October 2023	Cabinet Paper	Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) – options for government support	Withhold in full
10	2 October 2023	Cabinet Summary	CAB-23-SUB-0456 Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited: Options for Government Support	Withhold in full
11	2 October 2023	Cabinet Minute	CAB-23-MIN-0456: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited: Options for Government Support	Withhold in full

As five documents within scope of your request are already publicly available, MBIE is refusing the release of these documents under section 18(d) as the information requested is, or will soon be, publicly available:

The briefing material already released is available on the MBIE website, and can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/document-library/search?keywords=ruapehualpinelifts&df=&dt=&submit=Search&sort=desc&start=0>

Please note some information contained within these proactively released documents have been withheld.

Cabinet gave Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit (Kānoa – RDU) the mandate to lead negotiations in relation to a possible restructuring of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (in liquidation/receivership) (RAL). Kānoa – RDU is currently working on the options and final conditions of the sale of RAL, and they are still being actively considered by the Crown. Due to the sensitive nature of these works and the proposal/bids, and the ongoing process to find a solution, MBIE is withholding the following in full:

- 2324-0655 Update on Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (in liquidation) (RAL) - recent developments and next steps;
- 2324-0716 Cover Briefing - Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) – option for government support;
- 2324-0753 Draft Cabinet paper: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) – options for government support;
- Cabinet Paper: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) – options for government support;
- CAB-23-SUB-0456 Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited: Options for Government Support; and
- CAB-23-MIN-0456: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited: Options for Government Support.

Please note MBIE is withholding the release of these documents under the following sections of the Act:

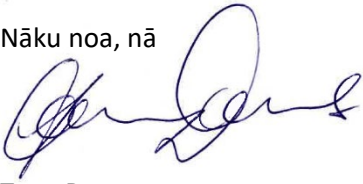
- 9(2)(b)(ii), to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information;
- 9(2)(i), to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities; and
- 9(2)(j), to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Please note that the Minister of Conservation grants concession agreements, therefore, the Department of Conservation (DOC) oversees the management of the concessions for RAL. DOC would be more appropriate to comment on questions regarding the management of the RAL concessions.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact [OIA@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@mbie.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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Tane Dewes

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