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Tēnā koe Stephen

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 20 November 2023 in which you asked for correspondence and other information between DOC, MBIE and Te Arawhiti concerning RAL, and Whakapapa and Tūroa ski fields.

This letter is to advise you that we are extending the 20 working day period to respond to your request, as allowed under section 15A(1) of the OIA. We require an additional 15 working days to respond to your request.

The extension of time is necessary as the consultations necessary to make a decision on the request mean that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. Additionally, responding to your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of DOC.

Ordinarily, this working day period would reflect three weeks of actual time. However, the period from 25 December to 15 January is excluded from the definition of 'working days' under the OIA. This means that a 15-working day extension shifts the actual due date for your request to 30 January 2024. We will continue to work on your request, and will send you a response no later than 30 January 2024. We will endeavour to respond earlier if possible.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA to make a complaint to an Ombudsman about the extension. If you wish to discuss this response to your request, please contact [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@xxx.xxxx.xx).

Nāku noa, nā

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