



14 March 2024

Ref: DOIA 2324-1532

Stephen Prendergast

Email: [fyi-request-25474-2a45bbff@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-25474-2a45bbff@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe Stephen Prendergast

Thank you for your email of 23 January 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*Please supply all communications from 1 May 2023 between MBIE, Calibre, Chapmann Tripp, PTL, WHL which includes the terms dataroom or "data room" - when searched case insensitive.*

On 21 February 2024, MBIE wrote to you advising you that an extension was necessary, because consultations with various third parties necessary to make a decision on your request were such that a proper response could not reasonably be made within the original time limit.

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

Date	Type	Document Title	Decision
17/05/2023	Email	RAL - DD info	Released
16/05/2023	Document	Draft - Crown Undertaking relating to Reinstatement Obligation	Withheld under S 9(2)(g)(i)
26/06/2023	Email	RAL Due Diligence	Released
03/07/2023	Email	Names for Access to the dataroom	Released
06/07/2023	Email	Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) - Discussion with John Fisk	Released
07/07/2023	Email	Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) - Ngati Tuwharetoa	Released
19/07/2024	Email	E-Introduction [BG-BELGULLY.FID1530128]	Released
20/07/2023	Email	Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) - Ngati Tuwharetoa	Released
26/07/2023	Email	RAL	Released

15/08/2023	Email	Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) - Process Letter	Released
28/08/2023	Email	RAL [CLO-Docs.MBE001.710]	Released
26/10/2023	Email	For your information - information for an OIA regarding Ruapehu Alpine Lifts" data room (DOIA 2324-0731)	Released
19/04/2023	Email	RAL/Tūroa	Released

A draft version of the document titled "Draft Crown Undertaking relating to Reinstatement Obligation" contains a review comment referencing information shared via the dataroom. This draft is being withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

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I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

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).

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Nāku noa, nā



Tane Dewes

**Manager Operations Support and Improvement**

Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit

**From:** [Murray Beatson](#)  
**To:** [@xx](#); [@xx](#)  
**Subject:** RAL - DD info [IN-CC IDENCE: RELEASE-EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 May 2023 10:47:02 am

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Brendon / Martin

Have you heard anything more from PTL and/or WHL re the info we need, and them setting up a Dataroom for us to access?

Out of Scope [REDACTED] ...

Could you possibly chase for us, if needed (sorry, I'm just about to drive down for meetings this arvo).

Thanks

MJB

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Regards



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**Executive Director**  
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**From:** [Mark Reese](#)  
**To:** [Murray Beatson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Names for Access to the dataroom [IN-CONFIDENCE: RELEASE-EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Monday, 3 July 2023 9:08:21 am

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Thanks Murray

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Cheers  
Mark

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**From:** Murray Beatson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, 3 July 2023 9:03 am  
**To:** Mark Reese <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Names for Access to the dataroom [IN-CONFIDENCE: RELEASE-EXTERNAL]

Thanks Mark ... I'll go back to them.

Out of Scope

MJB

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**From:** Mark Reese <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, 3 July 2023 8:33 am  
**To:** Murray Beatson <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Robert Pigou <[REDACTED]>; Shaun Brown <[REDACTED]>;  
Michael Harper <[REDACTED]>; Bonita Morrissey Smith  
<s 9(2)(a)>; Ben Methven  
<[REDACTED]>; Jeryl-Lynn Govender <[REDACTED]>  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Names for Access to the dataroom [IN-CONFIDENCE: RELEASE-EXTERNAL]

Morning Murray

We don't need anything further under the Confidentiality Undertaking – it allows disclosure to related entities, employees and professional advisers provided Tuwharetoa has made them aware of the confidentiality obligations. Tuwharetoa is liable if any of them breach the undertaking.

s 9(2)(g)(i)

Kind regards  
Mark

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PARTNER

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**From:** Murray Beatson <[x@x](mailto:x@x)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 2 July 2023 4:49 pm  
**To:** Mark Reese <[x@x](mailto:x@x)>  
**Cc:** Robert Pigou <[x@x](mailto:x@x)>; Shaun Brown <[x@x](mailto:x@x)>  
**Subject:** FW: Names for Access to the dataroom [IN-CONFIDENCE: RELEASE-EXTERNAL]

Hi Mark

Re your email attached.

The attached Confidentiality Agreement (CA) was sent out for signing on behalf of Tuwharetoa. However, as per the email below, they've raised the issue re all their advisors also.

Do you think we should have a Master CA with a Schedule attached; or are we best to send separate CA's to all the advisors, and have them individually sign?

Thanks

Murray

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**From:** Robert Pigou <[x@x](mailto:x@x)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 30 June 2023 2:21 pm  
**To:** Murray Beatson <[x@x](mailto:x@x)>  
**Subject:** FW: Names for Access to the dataroom

Some progress...

Yellow highlighted below; do you think we need a Master CA or just attach a schedule to the version we have sent them already?

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**From:** Lisa te Heuheu s 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, 30 June 2023 1:37 pm  
**To:** Robert Pigou <[x@x](mailto:x@x)>  
**Cc:** s 9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Names for Access to the dataroom

Kia ora Robert,

Now that we have confirmed all our advisors, can you please let me know what the process is get all our advisors into the dataroom? Here are the names of our advisors and our team that will need access:

**New Zealand Trade and Enterprise**

Rangi Ririnui <[x@x](mailto:x@x)>

Bronson Marshall <[x@x](mailto:x@x)>

**KPMG**

s 9(2)(a)

s 9(2)(a)

**Bell Gully**

s 9(2)(a)

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**In-House Team**

s 9(2)(a)

s 9(2)(a)

If you can let me know I will get whatever paperwork done asap. I am mindful that we have a live Confidentiality Agreement but I wonder if this needs to be redone into a Master CA with a Schedule attached.

Ngā mihi,

Lisa

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**To:** [Robert Pigou](#); [Shaun Brown](#); [x@x](#); [Michael Harper](#); [Bonita Morrissey Smith](#); [@xx](#); [@xx](#); [@xx](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) - Discussion with John Fisk 06.07.2023 [IN-CC DENCE: RELEASE-EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Thursday, 6 July 2023 10:08:11 am

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I just had a telephone conversation with John Fisk.

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He indicated that with no correctly signed NDA by Tuwharetoa, PWC had cut their access to the dataroom. I've chased Lisa at Tuwharetoa regarding correctly completing, signing, and returning the NDA.

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**From:** John Fisk (NZ) <xxxx.xxxx@xxx.xxx>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 July 2023 4:33 pm  
**To:** Murray Beatson <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Cc:** xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxx; Shaun Brown <xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx>; Tania Paweska <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Subject:** Re: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) - Ngati Tuwharetoa [IN-CC DENCE: RELEASE-EXTERNAL]

Hi Murray

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Regards  
John

John H Fisk

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On Tue, 4 Jul 2023 at 08:22, Murray Beatson <[xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx)> wrote:

Thanks John.

I've reverted to Tuwharetoa regarding the NDA.

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Regards

Murray

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**From:** John Fisk (NZ) <[xxxx.xxxx@xxx.xxx](mailto:xxxx.xxxx@xxx.xxx)>

**Sent:** Monday, 3 July 2023 6:16 pm

**To:** Murray Beatson <[xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Cc:** [xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxx); Shaun Brown <[xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx)>; Tania Paweska <[xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Subject:** Re: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) - Ngati Tuwharetoa [IN-CO DENCE: RELEASE-EXTERNAL]

Hi Murray,

Thank you for the email.

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please? If the interested party is a company or a trust, then we would ask that the NDA be executed in the name of the interested party as recipient, s 9(2)(a)

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Many thanks

John

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On Mon, 3 Jul 2023 at 15:40, Murray Beatson <[xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx)> wrote:

Hi John and Richard

s 9(2)(a)

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Thanks also for arranging access to your data room for Tuwharetoa.

Many thanks

Murray

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**From:** [Murray Beatson](#)  
**To:** [Robert Pigou](#); [Shaun Brown](#); [x@x](#); [x@x](#)  
**Subject:** FW: E-Introduction [BG-BELLGULLY.FID1530128] [IN-CC] DENCE: RELEASE-EXTERNAL  
**Date:** Wednesday, 19 July 2023 2:59:47 pm

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Hi

In relation to the emails below, I spoke with s 9(2)(a) and s 9(2)(a) at Bell Gully this afternoon.

They appeared to have been given a steer to us by the liquidators, but I explained the due diligence was for them to complete, primarily via the PWC dataroom.

I explained that, from a legal perspective, we (nor Chapman Tripp) had nothing more to provide – except if, and when, Tuwharetoa, after completion of their due diligence, wished to proceed with a formal bid.

They accepted and agreed with the outline of the process I provided – it's as they would have expected.

I explained Chapman Tripp's role, and the availability of documents (such as SPA etc) in due course.

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**From:** [Shaun Brown](#)  
**To:** [Megan Allday](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) - Ngati Tuwharetoa [IN-CC [REDACTED] DENCE: RELEASE-EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Thursday, 20 July 2023 11:57:08 am  
**Attachments:** [Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited \(In Liquidation\) - NDA - Te Kapua Whakapipi Trust.pdf](#)

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**From:** Murray Beatson <xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Sent:** Friday, 7 July 2023 10:55 am  
**To:** John Fisk (NZ) <xxxx.xxxx@xxx.xxx>  
**Cc:** xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxx; Shaun Brown <xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx>; Tania Paweska <xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Subject:** RE: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) - Ngati Tuwharetoa [IN-CC [REDACTED] DENCE: RELEASE-EXTERNAL]

Hi John

Please find attached the signed NDA. This has been signed off by the Chair of Te Kapua Whakapipi Trust, Ngatoru Wall.

We have been advised that this trust delivers on the Hapu aspirations of Tuwharetoa based on Te Ariki Tumu's key outcomes for Tuwharetoa; and that they will facilitate the DD through this entity and make final determinations on the appropriate Trust to put forward the final proposal.

I trust this is sufficient to reinstate the access to the dataroom.

Thanks

Murray

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**From:** John Fisk (NZ) <[xxxx.xxxx@xxx.xxx](mailto:xxxx.xxxx@xxx.xxx)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 3 July 2023 6:16 pm  
**To:** Murray Beatson <[xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Cc:** [xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxx); Shaun Brown <[xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx)>; Tania Paweska <[xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** Re: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) - Ngati Tuwharetoa [IN-CC [REDACTED] DENCE: RELEASE-EXTERNAL]

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Many thanks

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**From:** Chris Whiteside (NZ) <[xxxxx.x.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxx.x.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 2:21 PM  
**To:** Jason Platt s 9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** Richard Nacey (NZ) <[xxxxxxx.x.xxxxx@xxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxxxx.x.xxxxx@xxx.xxx)>  
**Subject:** Re: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) - Process Letter

Hi Jason, hope all is well.

As an update, the draft sale and purchase agreements were uploaded to the dataroom yesterday evening.

Do you or anyone additional in your team need access to the dataroom?

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Regards  
Chris

**Chris Whiteside**

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**Sent:** Monday, 28 August 2023 10:29 am

**To:** Kate Wevers <[xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)>

**Cc:** Cameron Tyson <[xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)>; Michael Harper

<[xxxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx)>; Bianca Hawkins s 9(2)(a)

Freddie Beaumont s 9(2)(a); Mark Reese

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<[xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>

**Subject:** RE: RAL [CLO-Docs.MBE001.710]

Hi Kate

Please see **attached** SPAs that were provided to bidders via the dataroom. There's one SPA for each ski field, and a combined SPA for both ski fields.

We'll come back to you on the other points as soon as we can.

Kind regards  
Ben

BEN METHVEN  
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**From:** Mark Reese <[xxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 25 August 2023 2:34 pm  
**To:** Kate Wevers <[xxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)>; Shaun Brown <[xxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>; Josh Hercus <[xxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>  
**Cc:** Cameron Tyson <[xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)>; Ben Methven <[xxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx)>; Michael Harper <[xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx)>; Bianca Hawkins s 9(2)(a); Freddie Beaumont s 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: RAL [CLO-Docs.MBE001.710]

Thanks for the follow up, Kate.

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Ngā mihi  
Mark

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PARTNER

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**From:** Kate Wevers <[xxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 25 August 2023 2:02 pm  
**To:** Mark Reese <[xxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx)>; Shaun Brown <[xxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>; Josh Hercus <[xxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>  
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<xxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx >

**Subject:** RAL [CLO-Docs.MBE001.710]

Kia ora koutou

Out of Scope

And just noting a couple of other points arising from yesterday's meeting:

- Once CT has had a chance to check the data room, could you please let us know if the Whakapapa Village buildings are included in the asset list?
- No rush, but at some point it would be helpful if someone could please send us the draft SPA.

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Thanks very much.

Ngā mihi

Kate

**Kate Wevers** ([she/her/Ms](#))

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**From:** \*OIA  
**To:** x@x; x@x  
**Bcc:** RDU OSI; Marianna James  
**Subject:** For your information - information for an OIA regarding Ruapehu Alpine Lifts" data room (DOIA 2324-0731)  
**Date:** Thursday, 26 October 2023 9:45:00 am  
**Attachments:** [PwC - FYI on proposed redactions \(DOIA 2324-0731\).pdf](#)

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Tēnā Koe

I am writing to you because the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) has received an Official Information Act (the Act) request asking for all documents, including emails and texts, related to bidder access to RAL's data room or similar.

Within scope of this request is an email thread between yourselves and John Sandford. We are sending this email for your information, and to inform you that we are planning to release the attached with its proposed redactions (see red boxes in the attached).

### The information at issue

We enclose a copy of the information at issue, which contain our proposed redactions, for your ease of reference.

### Your views

This email is an FYI that we will be releasing the attached to the requestor. However, you're welcome to provide your views about how the disclosure of the information at issue would affect your interests. It may be that you do not object to the information being disclosed. However, if you have concerns about release of the information, the more detail you can provide, the better.

With that in mind, if you wish please let us know:

- what information (if any), you are happy for MBIE to release;
- what information you are most concerned about MBIE releasing, and why;
- how release of that information is likely to affect your interests; and
- any other information you think MBIE should take into account before making its decision.

The good reasons for withholding official information are listed in sections 6 and 9 of the Act, which you can view here:

Section 6 <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1982/0156/latest/DLM65366.html>

Section 9 <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1982/0156/latest/DLM65371.html>

### MBIE's decision

It is MBIE's responsibility to make the final decision on this request. MBIE will take your views into account in making that decision, but you cannot veto release of the information.

If you wish to provide comments on the proposed redactions, can we please receive your views by **30 October 2023, end of day** to [xxx@xxx.xxx.xx](mailto:x@xxx.xxx.xx) (noting that the request is due to the requestor on 31 October 2023).

Please note that if we do not hear from you by 30 October 2023, we may assume you do not want to comment, and proceed to make our final decision based on the information before us.



We look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi

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**From:** [Chris Whiteside \(NZ\)](#)  
**To:** [John Sandford](#)  
**Cc:** [Richard Nacey](#); [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#); [Robert Pigou](#); [Murray Beatson](#); [Brendon Gibson](#); [Martin Burrows](#);  
[John Fisk \(NZ\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: RAL/Tūroa  
**Date:** Wednesday, 19 April 2023 3:45:20 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)

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Hi John,

I have now uploaded a schedule of current staffing and recruitment activity to the dataroom, please see 2.15 RAL Current Staff and Recruiting 230419.

I will give you a call around the split of corporate staff across Whakapapa and Turoa, however, essentially corporate staff are allocated based on revenue, visitor days or wages. No further split / allocation is available.

Regards  
Chris

### Chris Whiteside

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*At PwC we work flexibly - so while it suits me to send this email now, I do not expect a response or action outside of your own working hours*

On Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 12:20 PM John Fisk (NZ) <[xxxx.xxxx@xxx.xxx](#)> wrote:  
Thanks for this John.

Chris Whiteside will coordinate getting this to you.

Kind regards  
John

John H Fisk

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On Wed, 19 Apr 2023 at 12:16, John Sandford <s 9(2)(a)> wrote:

Hello John,

Further to the letter from Kānoa last Friday.

We would appreciate receiving the following information.

- An overview of all personnel requirements (by position and remuneration) for Tūroa for the coming season including showing,
  - a. all people/positions currently employed by RAL and working at Tūroa,
  - b. people/positions currently employed by RAL whose work is not being carried out at Tūroa but is for the benefit of Tūroa in part or completely (show estimate of split, give a range if necessary),
  - c. which positions in the overview have people appointed and not yet started, and
  - d. positions for which recruitment is underway.

Kind regards

John



**John Sandford**

Chair, Pākiri Advisory Board

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