

OIAD-4276

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Tēnā koe Alan

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 21 July 2024, in which you asked for:

... a copy of the agenda packs for all of the Board's meetings held to date during 2024. I would also like to request a copy of presentations shown/given to the Board, which may also be referred to in any agenda packs or minutes. In addition, I would appreciate a copy of the same for the Board's subcommittees.

Your request is in relation to the Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board. We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. Copy of the agenda packs for all of the Board's meetings held to date during 2024.

Response:

The Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board held three meetings from January to July 2024: 2 February, 18 March and 6 June. The agenda and papers for Conservation Board meetings are public information, and can be obtained via the following web links:

Agendas: Cerberus Web Client (doc.govt.nz)

Meeting papers: Cerberus Web Client (doc.govt.nz)

Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board: By region (doc.govt.nz)

2. Copy of presentations shown/given to the Board, which may also be referred to in any agenda packs or minutes.

Response:

The following presentations were given to the Board at the February, March and June meetings:

2 February 24	Kōtahitanga mō Te Taiao
2 February 24	Te Hoiere bat project

18 March 24	Overview of Treaty settlements
6 June 24	'Way forward' presentation

See items 1 to 4 in Table 1 – Schedule of documents.

The Minutes of the February 2024 meeting refer to a presentation by Shane Graham of Ngāti Rārua (in the heading of item 11 in the meeting minutes). This was a verbal presentation.

3. Copy of the same for the Board's subcommittees.

Response:

The Board has two subcommittees which met between 1 January 2024 and 21 June 2024.

The Board's lwi Komiti met on 30 January 2024, 7 March 2024 and 7 May 2024. Minutes from those meetings are in Table 1 – Schedule of documents (items 5 to 7). The lwi Komiti meeting on 9 July 2024 was cancelled as only one member was able to attend.

The Board's Permissions Committee met on 11 June 2024 to review the Board's permissions consultation triggers. The following documents were provided to the committee prior to this discussion:

- NMCB triggers for consultation on permissions (Reviewed by Permissions Committee in December 2020)
- Permissions info for meeting with Permissions Committee, June 2024
- Presentation for NMCB Permission Committee March 2023

No minutes were taken at the 11 June 2024 Permissions Committee meeting. Changes were discussed and agreed to the NMCB triggers for consultation on permissions and a revised version of the document was provided to the Committee on 11 June 2024.

See items 8 to 11 in Table 1 – Schedule of documents.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of Item 10, subject to information being withheld under the following section of the Official Information Act:

 personal details, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people.

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

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached documents may be published on the Department's website.

Nāku noa, nā

Martin Rodd

Director Regional Operations, Northern South Island

Department of Conservation

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Te Papa Atawhai

Table 1 - Schedule of documents

Item	Date	Document description	Decision		
Ques	Question 2				
1	2 February 2024	Kōtahitanga mō Te Taiao	Released in full		
2	2 February 2024	Te Hoiere bat project	Released in full		
3	18 March 2024	Overview of Treaty settlements	Released in full		
4	6 June 2024	'Way forward' presentation	Released in full		
Question 3					
5	30 January 2024	Iwi Komiti Minutes 30 January 2024	Released in full		
6	7 March 2024	Iwi Komiti Minutes 7 March 2024	Released in full		
7	7 May 2024	Iwi Komiti Minutes 7 May 2024	Released in full		
8	December 2020	NMCB triggers for consultation on permissions (Reviewed by Permissions Committee in December 2020)	Released in full		
9	June 2024	Permissions info for meeting with Permissions Committee, June 2024	Released in full		
10	March 2023	Presentation for NMCB Permission Committee March 2023	Released in part		
11	11 June 2024	NMCB triggers for consultation on permissions (Reviewed by Permissions Committee on 11 June 2024)	Released in full		