

18 October 2024

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Tēnā koe Stephen

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 31 August 2024, in which you asked for:

1. *“All correspondence between DOC and any party, from 1 May 2024, requesting information, guidance, advice or clarification on:
  - i. the transfer of the current RAL (Whakapapa) license to another party, or
  - ii. the issuing of a new licence/lease for the Whakapapa ski field.”*
2. *Please also provide all internal DOC correspondence on the task list and timeframe for either of those activities.*
3. *Please also supply all DOC briefings and updates to the MoC on Whakapapa Ski field from 1 May 2024.”*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

On 25 September 2024 we extended the timeframe to respond to your request to 18 October 2024 due to the large quantity of information sought and the consultation necessary.

Under section 15(1)(a) of the Official Information Act, I have decided to grant your request. However, more time is required to prepare the response for release. We expect to be able to provide you with the final documentation no later than 24 October 2024. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

For your reference, some information will be withheld under section 9 of the Official Information Act as applicable.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phillippa Fox'.

Phillippa Fox  
Director Regulatory Authorisations  
Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*