



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 since 1 Jan 2024 between DOC and other Crown agencies regarding costs to make good the Whakapapa ski concession area, and associated facilities. For instance, lift removal, remediation, ski field buildings, ski club lodges and related infrastructure such as reticulated services etc. Please include all, identified costs such as DOC internal personnel, contract resources as backfill where staff are assigned, or fixed term employees tasked to manage or participate in this work.*

Please provide the information in 6 monthly periods where this is available.

2. *The forecast income loss that DOC will experience as a result of the cessation of ski field operations. Including discussions with other crown agencies.*
3. *All internal DOC correspondence identifying how these figures were determined, and the degree of confidence.*
4. *All documentation and correspondence from 1 Jan 2024 that addresses scenarios to reduce or mitigate the financial impact of such an outcome.*
5. *All ministerial briefings or updates which address this outcome.*

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

On 18 September 2024 you clarified (or refined) your request by confirming that you were seeking information from 1 January 2024 and that in regard to question 4 you seek information that covers operating scenarios which reduce the requirement for make good activities.

On 26 September 2024 we extended the timeframe to respond to your request to 18 October 2024 due to the large quantity of information sought and consultation required to facilitate its release.



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 23 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