



17 February 2025

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Steve Pembroke

By email: fyi-request-29781-485ee1fc@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Steve Pembroke,

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 17 January 2025 in which you requested the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide me with all information relating to the appointment of Jonathan Young to the Board of the Outdoor Access Commission.

This includes, but is not limited to, communication between you/your office and other ministers, political parties or external stakeholders.

For clarity, I have made a similar request to MPI so you do not need to include any documents that they will be providing (eg formal briefings and their notes from meetings with you). I am solely looking with this request for your communications and information, not that belonging to your department. I am happy for you to coordinate with them to ensure no double ups and that nothing is missed.

Copies of communication relating to the appointment of Jonathan Young to the Board of the Outdoor Access Commission are attached as **Appendix One**.

Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(a) – *to protect the privacy of natural persons*.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

The Cabinet paper referenced in Appendix One is publicly available here: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/67458-Herenga-a-Nuku-Aotearoa-the-Outdoor-Access-Commission-Board-appointment-Cabinet-paper>

The gazette notice for Jonathan Young's appointment to the New Zealand Walking Access Commission is available here: <https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2024-go4092>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Todd McClay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Todd McClay
Minister of Agriculture