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Dear T Smith

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, emailed on 14 December 2018. You requested the following:

*Under the OIA, I request a list of conservation areas that are currently closed and the reasons for it.*

At the time of your request, the following conservation areas, as defined by the Conservation Act 1987 were closed:

- **Hauraki, Waikato and Taranaki Region**

Conservation Area	reason for closure
Approximately 0.18 hectares of the Coromandel Forest Park in the Wharekairauponga catchment (Hauraki District)	To ensure safety of the public while the land is used for helicopter assisted exploratory drilling by Oceana Gold NZ Ltd
Manaia sanctuary a joint section of Iwi / DOC land closed 2016	the closure is a proactive measure to protect high ecological value trees from the risk of kauri dieback
The 377-hectare Hukarahi Block, located north of Whitianga	The block has no public access and the closure is a proactive step to contain the spread of kauri dieback.

- **Western South Island Region - Buller District**

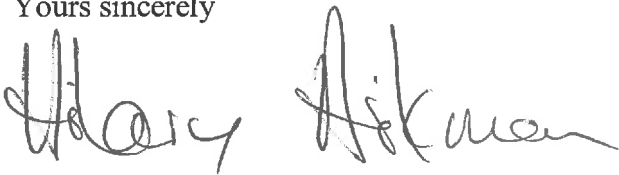
Conservation Area	reason for closure
Denniston (specifically railway and portal at Banbury Mine)	to exclude the public due to Mining Operations and Quarrying Operations Regulations 2016
Denniston (specifically Escarpment Mine Area)	due to care and maintenance activities which require the use of heavy machinery

- **Eastern South Island Region**

Conservation Area	reason for closure
Ripapa Island	closed due to the critical safety issues around the wharf
Part of Godley Head (the gun emplacements)	closed due to unsafe, earthquake damaged structures
Boulder Beach / WWF Block: Conservation Area	Seasonal closure to prevent disturbance to nesting yellow-eyed penguins

If you wish to discuss this with the Department, please contact Joanne Perry on 0274049813 or by email [jperry@doc.govt.nz](mailto:jperry@doc.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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Hilary Aikman  
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