



OIA 19-E-0106

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For the attention of: T. Benseman

Email: fyi-request-9604-537bab72@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear T. Benseman,

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 16 February 2019. You requested the following:

- (1) *“Please provide all details of the 19,000-hectare beehive concession to Ngati Porou interests.”*
- (2) *“Please also provide a map/s showing the boundaries of all concessions in Raukumara.”*

Please see the following response to your questions:

- (1) *“Please provide all details of the 19,000-hectare beehive concession to Ngati Porou interests.”*

I have decided to release the Ngati Porou’s beehive concession (in part). Private information has been redacted, as has commercially sensitive information (including beehive co-ordinates and concession term dates).

- (2) *“Please also provide a map/s showing the boundaries of all concessions in Raukumara.”*

I have decided to release two maps showing boundaries of concessions within Raukumara Conservation Park and Raukumara Conservation Area. However, the maps do not highlight the location or boundaries beehive concessions, as this information is considered commercially sensitive.

Decision to withhold specific information

The decision to withhold specific information is due to the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- personal contact information, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons; and
- commercially sensitive information, under section 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are attached:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	22 September 2017	53525-OTH Concession – Beehive Licence	Released in part.
2	27 February 2019	Raukumara Permissions – AATH & PCA	Released in full.
3	27 February 2019	Raukumara Permissions – Other & Tracks	Released in part.

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.

If you wish to discuss this with the Department, please contact Priya Murthi by email at pmurthi@doc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,



Marie Long
Director – Planning, Permissions and Land