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Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 08 April 2021 in which you asked for:

All submissions on the application for a marine mammal permit by Waiheke Whale and Dolphin Watch Limited.

I regret that I am not able to provide you with the information you seek. As the application from Waiheke Whale and Dolphin Watch Limited is still under consideration, section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act applies – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.

After a decision has been made on the application, you may submit a new request seeking a copy of the submissions (if the submissions are not publicly available on our website following that decision).

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.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Department's website.

Nāku noa, nā

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Te Papa Atawhai