

OIAD-4050

24 June 2024

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 08 May 2024, in which you asked for:

- 1. Any reports, memos, policies and/or advice about Te Paki track prepared/written by the Department of Conservation between 1 January 2021 and 1 May 2024.
- 2. Any reports, memos and/or advice about Te Paki track's storm damage received by the Department of Conservation between 1 January 2023 and 1 May 2024.
- 3. Any reports, memos and/or advice about Te Paki track's Biosecurity Area received by the Department of Conservation between 1 January 2021 and 1 May 2024.
- 4. Any reports, memos and/or advice about feral dogs on Te Paki track received by the Department of Conservation between 1 January 2021 and 1 May 2024.
- 5. Any reports, memos and/or advice about Te Paki track's signs received by the Department of Conservation between 1 January 2023 and 1 May 2024.
- 6. Any emails and/or letters about Te Paki Track both internal and external between 1 January 2024 and 8 May 2024.

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

On the 29th May 2024 we extended the timeframe to respond to your request to the 21st June 2024 due to the large quantity of information sought and the consultation necessary.

While only question 6 asks for correspondence, as it is overarching about Te Paki track, where the subject matter has fit better with one of your other questions (e.g. about signage), we have included in it that part of this response.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

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I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- personal contact details of officials, under section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,
- 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 and determined there are no public interests that outweigh the grounds for withholding.

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

Nāku noa, nā

Sue Reed-Thomas Regional Operations Director, Northern North Island Department of Conservation *Te Papa Atawhai*

ANNEX 1 – SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS

1. Any reports, memos, policies and/or advice about Te Paki track prepared/written by the Department of Conservation between 1 January 2021 and 1 May 2024.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	11 Nov 2021	NNI Heritage & Visitor 10 Year Pathway Tool	Released in full

2. Any reports, memos and/or advice about Te Paki track's storm damage received by the Department of Conservation between 1 January 2023 and 1 May 2024.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	24 May 2023	Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery - critical OPEX spend approval	Released in part
2	28 March 2024	Kaitaia District Ops Manager Te Hiku Board Report	Released in full
3	24 May 2023	Pandora Track Engineering Inspection	Released in full
4	9 October 2023	Email Chain regarding plan to visit Te Paki Track	Released in part
5	9 October 2023	Email chain re Te Paki Track & Mangawhai Walkway	Released in part Out of scope
6	15 Feb 2023	SA Form Waitahora Lagoon Boardwalk – Te Paki Track	Released in full
7	21 March 2023	Email Chain Tapotupotu Boardwalk	Released in full
8	12 June 2023	Waitahora Reinga Pandora Report	Released in part Out of scope

3. Any reports, memos and/or advice about Te Paki track's Biosecurity Area received by the Department of Conservation between 1 January 2021 and 1 May 2024

ltem	Date	Document description	Decision
1	27 January 2021	Landscape Protection Report – Excerpt pg 151 to end	Released in full
2	24 January 2022	Jobs for Nature Iwi collaboration for Kauri action with Ngāti Kuri	Released in part
3	2021	Jobs for Nature - Te Haumihi ō Ngāti Kuri	Released in part
4	2021	Te Hiku District Biodiversity Business Planning	Released in part Out of scope

5	22 Nov 2022	Tiakina Kauri Groups carrying out Kauri	Released in full
		protection on PCL land	

4. Any reports, memos and/or advice about feral dogs on Te Paki track received by the Department of Conservation between 1 January 2021 and 1 May 2024.

ltem	Date	Document description	Decision
1	28 July 2021	Feral Dog Minutes	Released in part
2	22 Nov 2021	A predator free NZ 2050 infographic	Released in part
3	26 Oct 2021	Email chain Feral Dogs in Far North	Released in part
4	8 July 2021	Letter to Minister	Released in part
5	15 October 2021	Minutes of Feral Dog Meeting	Released in part

5. Any reports, memos and/or advice about Te Paki track's signs received by the Department of Conservation between 1 January 2023 and 1 May 2024.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	9 July 2024	Email chain Te Paki Coastal Track closure and boat access – Ngāti Kuri	Released in part
2	6 May 2024	Email chain Te Paki Coastal Track confusing signage	Released in part
3	2 April 2024	Email Te Paki Coastal Track closure and boat access	Released in part
4	12 April 2024	Updated draft Development of Workplan (DOC-NK)	Released in part

6. Any emails and/or letters about Te Paki Track - both internal and external - between 1 January 2024 and 8 May 2024.

ltem	Date	Document description	Decision
1	6 May 2024	Email chain – Te Paki Coastal Track closure & Boat access	Released in part
2	22 April 2024	Email chain – Te Paki Coastal Track closure and boat access	Released in part
3	17 April 2024	Email chain – Te Paki Coastal Track closure and boat access	Released in part
4	23 March 2024	Te Werahi Wetland – Twilight - Te Werahi Loop Track	Released in part
5	12 April 2024	Email chain – Te Paki Track closure and boat access	Released in part
6	22 Jan 2024	Email chain re Far North Trails	Released in part

7	12 Feb 2024	Access south of Tapotupotu	Released in part
8	15 April 2024	Alert – Te Paki Severe Weather	Released in full
9	16 April 2024	Cape Reinga track info	Released in part
10	29 Feb 2024	Pandora Bay Walking Track	Released in part
11	16 Jan 2024	Pandora Camping	Released in part
12	12 Jan 2024	Trail closures	Released in part
13	31 Jan 2024	Te Paki Coastal Track	Released in part
14	22 Jan 2024	Sand Dunes (Te Paki)	Released in part
15	3 Jan 2024	Sandy Bay	Released in part
16	5 Jan 2024	Taputoputo	Released in part
17	15 April 2024	Email chain Te Paki Coastal Track closure and boat access	Released in part
18	16 April 2024	Email chain Te Paki Coastal Track closure and boat access	Released in part
19	19 Feb 2024	Te Paki Coastal Walk	Released in part
20	2 April 2024	Te Paki Coast Walk Tramp	Released in part
21	23 Jan 2024	Te Paki Coastal Reserve	Released in part
22	2 Feb 2024	Te Paki Recreation reserve or Reserves	Released in part
23	20 March 2024	Te Paki Stream	Released in part
24	10 April 2024	Te Paki alerts	Released in part