

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 |
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| | | 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 |
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| 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 |