

7 April 2026

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 06 March 2026, in which you asked for:

- (a) *“Any monitoring data or any other associated material, prepared by or held by the Department of Conservation and/or consultants engaged by the Department of Conservation, in relation to the Department of Conservation’s role in monitoring the Bendigo Station Conservation Covenant under clause 1 of the Conservation Covenant.*
- (b) *Any information, assessments, decisions, correspondence or any other associated material prepared by or held by the Department of Conservation relating to the process and decision to agree to surrender Conservation Covenant 5009824.9 in 2001 from the land originally legally described as:*
  - (i) *Section 4 Survey Office Plan 24641 comprised in Record of Title 3878.*
  - (ii) *Section 3 Survey Office Plan 24641 comprised in Record of Title 3877.”*

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

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

- (a) *‘Any monitoring data or any other associated material, prepared by or held by the Department of Conservation and/or consultants engaged by the Department of Conservation, in relation to Department of Conservation’s role in monitoring the Bendigo Station Conservation Covenant under clause 1 of the Conservation Covenant.’*

Monitoring of the Bendigo Station Conservation Covenant was undertaken on eight occasions between 2008 – 2017. Unfortunately, due to staffing turnover and capacity, the Department was unable to undertake monitoring between 2018 – 2024. Monitoring was resumed in 2025.

Reports relating to this monitoring have previously been released as part of a response to information requests OIAD-4228 and OIAD-5662 and is publicly available on the DOC website at [Official Information Act responses and proactive releases](#). The specific reports can be found at:

- [OIAD-4228-attachment-1](#) (2008-2017 reports)
- [OIAD-5662-attachment-1.pdf](#) , [OAIAD-5662-attachment-3.pdf](#) (2025 report)

(b) *'Any information, assessments, decisions, correspondence or any other associated material prepared by or held by the Department of Conservation relating to the process and decision to agree to surrender Conservation Covenant 5009824.9 in 2001 from the land originally legally described as:*

(i) *Section 4 Survey Office Plan 24641 comprised in Record of Title 3878.*

(ii) *Section 3 Survey Office Plan 24641 comprised in Record of Title 3877.'*

The documents identified as within the scope of your request are shown in the table below and are attached to this response.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Document description</b>	<b>Decision</b>
1	01/05/2001	Partial Conservation Covenant Surrender - 5081665_1 - Bendigo Conservation Covenant	Released in full
2	23/03/2001	Request for partial release of covenant - Bendigo Conservation Covenant - Bendigo Station - Walker MacGeorge Co - March 2001	Released in full
3	01/05/2001	Recommending Report - Partial release of covenant - Bendigo Conservation Covenant - Bendigo Station - May 2001	Released in full

As part of our ongoing work, we are continuing to review material held in archives and will provide a further response if we identify any further information that falls within the scope of your request.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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