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Ref: OIAD-6162

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

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

*Can DOC please provide all advice, reports, briefings, aide memoires, or any other documents - including emails that contained feedback or advice - that was provided to Taumata Arowai regarding the development of the Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards?*

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

On 31 March 2026 we extended the timeframe to respond to your request to 14 April 2026 due to the consultation required to make a decision on the request.

The requested information is set out in the Appendix to this letter and accompanies this response.

During the development of the Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards, DOC's consultation and feedback focused on how the Standards would apply to DOC wastewater systems and operations generally. This assessment considered the definition of a wastewater network in the Water Services Act 2021 and whether DOC's onsite systems were intended to be captured by the Standards.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed below, 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,

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.

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 attached documents may be published on the Department's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shan Baththana', written in a cursive style.

Shan Baththana  
Director Asset Management  
Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

## Appendix one

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	6 March 2025	Email: <i>Wastewater standards – DOC RE: DOC wastewater treatment examples</i>	Released in part
2	December 2024	Department of Conservation Wastewater treatment and disposal Examples of campgrounds and amenity area facilities	Released in full
3	11 January 2012	Whakapapa village wastewater 105684	Released in full
4	27 September 2007	Aoraki Mt Cook wastewater CRC054829	Released in full
5	26 March 2025	Email: <i>RE: Wastewater standards – DOC RE: DOC wastewater treatment examples</i>	Released in part
6	March 2025	Discussion between DOC & WSA-Taumata Arowai on proposed wastewater environmental performance standards 'the standards'	Released in full
7	15 April 2025	Email: <i>RE: Wastewater standards – DOC RE: DOC wastewater treatment examples</i>	Released in part
8	April 2025	Feedback from DOC to the WSA-Taumata Arowai on proposed wastewater environmental performance standards 'the standards'	Released in full
9	27 August 2025	Email: <i>RE: Wastewater standards – DOC RE: DOC wastewater treatment examples</i>	Released in part