

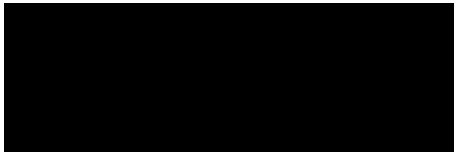
# Hon Tama Potaka

Minister of Conservation  
Minister for Māori Crown Relations  
Minister for Māori Development  
Minister for Whānau Ora  
Associate Minister of Housing



Ref: OIAM-346 /  
OIATP-411

31 July 2026



Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) dated 26 June 2026. You requested the following:

*“...all formal advice received on the Conservation Amendment Bill. Please also provide all communications with any other Minister on this topic - and all communications with DoC on this”*

On 2 July you refined your request to:

*“All formal advice relating to the Conservation Amendment Bill received between 1 January 2025 and the date on which your request was received [30 June 2026].”*

Following final policy decisions and introduction of the Conservation Amendment Bill (the Bill), the Department of Conservation (DOC) has reviewed Cabinet papers and associated advice relating to the Bill that has previously been proactively released and updated the redactions.

Most of the material in the updated proactive release falls within the scope of your request (see Table 1). The updated proactive release is available here: [Official Information Act responses 2026](#).

DOC has also proactively released further Cabinet papers and associated advice relating to the Bill, covering the period up until introduction of the Bill. This material has been published on DOC's [Official Information Act responses 2026](#) page.

The documents listed in the attached schedule fall within the scope of your request and have not already been proactively released.

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

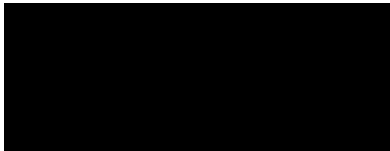
- personal (contact) details of officials, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,

- advice still under consideration, under section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials,
- free and frank expression, under section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs,
- advice subject to legal privilege, under section 9(2)(h) - to maintain legal professional privilege, and
- confidential information, under section 9(2)(j) – to enable the Crown to negotiate without disadvantage or prejudice.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

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 OIA.

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Hon Tama Potaka  
**Minister of Conservation**

## Document schedule

| Item | Date                                      | Document description                                                                                                  | Decision                                                                                                                              |
|------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | 1 January 2025 to 1 May 2026 (inclusive)  | All advice on the Conservation Amendment Bill between 1 January 2025 and 1 May 2026 (inclusive)                       | Refused under section s18(d) - the document is already publicly available via <a href="#">Official Information Act responses 2026</a> |
| 2    | 1 January 2025 to 11 May 2026 (inclusive) | Cabinet minutes and summaries relating to the Conservation Amendment Bill                                             | Refused under section 18(d) – the document is already publicly available: <a href="#">OIAD-6462</a>                                   |
| 3    | 25 June 2025                              | Cabinet paper summary: Modernising Conservation Land Management: Policy Approvals (ECO-25-SUB-0096)                   | Released in part.                                                                                                                     |
| 4    | 22 September 2025                         | Cabinet paper summary: Conservation Acts (Land Management) Amendment Bill: Further Policy Decisions (CBC-25-SUB-0049) | Released in part.                                                                                                                     |
| 5    | 22 September 2025                         | Cabinet minute: Conservation Acts (Land Management) Amendment Bill: Further Policy Decisions (CBC-25-MIN-0049)        | Released in part.                                                                                                                     |
| 6    | 23 March 2026                             | Deep dive: CALM Bill                                                                                                  | Released in part.                                                                                                                     |
| 7    | 6 April 2026                              | Status report MOC 98 - item 26-N-004                                                                                  | Released in part.                                                                                                                     |
| 8    | 23 April 2026                             | Cabinet paper summary: Conservation Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction (LEG-26-SUB-0066)                       | Released in part.                                                                                                                     |
| 9    | 28 April 2026                             | Cabinet paper summary: Conservation Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction (CAB-26-SUB-0141)                       | Released in part.                                                                                                                     |

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| 10   | 30 April 2026 | Cabinet paper summary: Conservation Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction (LEG-26-SUB-0073)                                                     | Released in part.                                                                                                      |
| 11   | 4 May 2026    | Cabinet paper summary: Conservation Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction (CAB-26-SUB-0154)                                                     | Released in part.                                                                                                      |
| 12   | 4 May 2026    | Cabinet minute: Conservation Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction (CAB-26-MIN-0154)                                                            | Released in part.                                                                                                      |
| 13   | 18 May 2026   | 26-M-0046 - EDS meeting memo - 20 May                                                                                                               | Refused under section 18(d) – the document is already publicly available: <a href="#">OIAD-9292 combined documents</a> |
| 14   | 29 May 2026   | ADVB-207 – Upholding statutory obligation redress, decision-making frameworks and conservation board nominations in the Conservation Amendment Bill | Withheld in full (section 9(2)(j)).                                                                                    |
| 15   | 5 June 2026   | ADVM-74 – Memo: Initial briefing to Select Committee on Conservation Amendment Bill                                                                 | Withheld in full (section 9(2)(g)(i)).                                                                                 |
| 16   | 5 June 2026   | ADVM-74 – Attachment A – Powerpoint presentation                                                                                                    | Withheld in full (section 9(2)(g)(i)).                                                                                 |
| 17   | 15 June 2026  | 26-M-0014 – Meeting Memo EDS conference                                                                                                             | Released in part.                                                                                                      |
| 18   | 24 June 2026  | 26-K-20 – Cabinet paper talking points: Oral item – Land exchanges and disposals                                                                    | Released in part.                                                                                                      |
| 19   | 25 June 2026  | 26-K-21 – Cabinet paper talking points: Conservation Amendment Bill: Policy changes                                                                 | Released in part.                                                                                                      |
| 20   | 25 June 2026  | 26-K-21 – Cabinet paper talking points: Conservation Amendment Bill: Policy changes: Appendix 1 (draft Cabinet paper)                               | Withheld in full.                                                                                                      |

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| 21          | 26 June 2026 | 26-K-21 – Cabinet paper talking points: Conservation Amendment Bill: Policy changes  | Released in part. |
| 22          | 29 June 2026 | Cabinet paper: Conservation Amendment Bill: Policy changes                           | Released in part. |
| 23          | 29 June 2026 | Cabinet paper summary: Conservation Amendment Bill: Policy changes (CAB-26-SUM-0213) | Released in full. |
| 24          | 29 June 2026 | Cabinet minute: Conservation Amendment Bill: Policy changes (CAB-26-MIN-0213)        | Released in full. |