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Ref: OIAD-9292

15 July 2026

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 16 June 2026, in which you asked:

Under the OIA can I please request all advice and correspondence (including email, text, signal, etc) pertaining to the amendment to Section 6(e) of the Conservation Act, under the Conservation Amendment Bill.

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

On 22 June you refined your request to only include advice and correspondence sent to, or received by, the office of the Minister of Conservation.

Most of the information in scope of your request has been previously requested and is publicly available on the Department's website. It can be found at [Official Information Act responses 2026](#) under reference *OIAD-6462*. Some information has been withheld in these documents under provisions of section 9 of the Act. Please refer to the document schedule for the response letter for *OIAD-6462* for the full list of documents.

You will note that in our response to *OIAD-6462*, we withheld several documents on the basis that they are soon to be proactively released (section 18(d) of the Act refers). The proactive release of these materials can be expected by the end of this month.

We have reviewed the withholding grounds that applied to this information. The documents in **Table 1** of the appendix have been published at [Official Information Act responses 2026](#) under reference *Conservation Acts (Land Management and other matters) Amendment Bill advice*. For all other documents listed in *OIAD-6462*, we consider the stated withholding grounds continue to apply.

For the remainder of your request, I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed in **Table 2** of the appendix 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 black ink, appearing to read 'ABell'.

Angela Bell
Acting Director Policy
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Appendix 1

Table 1: Documents proactively released on the Department's website

22 August 2025: 25-B-0349 – Briefing: Draft Cabinet paper seeking remaining policy decisions for Conservation Acts (Land Management) Amendment Bill
19 September 2025: 25-K-0029 - Cabinet Paper Talking Points: Further policy decisions for the Conservation Acts (Land Management) Amendment Bill
29 September 2025: 25-K-0032 - Cabinet Paper Talking Points: Further policy decisions for the Conservation Acts (Land Management) Amendment Bill
29 September 2026: Cabinet Paper: Further policy decisions for the Conservation Acts (Land Management) Amendment Bill
25 June 2025: ECO-25-MIN-0096
30 June 2025: CAB-25-MIN-0213.01
29 September 2025: CAB-25-MIN-0334.01

Table 2: Schedule of documents

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
01	18 May 2026	Email - 26-M-0046 - EDS meeting memo - 20 May	Released in part
02	18 May 2026	26-M-0046 - EDS meeting memo - 20 May	Released in part
03	13 May 2026	Email - Conservation Amendment Bill - Economic considerations	Released in part
04	13 May 2026	Letter to Minister Potaka	Withheld in full (section 18(d): Publicly available on Environmental Defence Society website: Letter to Minister of Conservation on Conservation Amendment Bill EDS)
05	11 May 2026	Email – Newsroom media query	Released in part
06	5 June 2026	Email - ADVN-74 - Initial briefing to Select Committee on Conservation Amendment Bill	Withheld in full (section 9(2)(g)(i))
07	5 June 2026	ADVN-74 – Attachment A – PowerPoint presentation	Withheld in full (section 9(2)(g)(i))

08	5 June 2026	[EXCERPT] Initial briefing to Select Committee on Conservation Amendment Bill	Withheld in full (section 9(2)(g)(i))
09	15 June 2026	Email - 26-M-0014 - Meeting Memo - EDS Conference	Released in full
10	15 June 2026	[EXCERPT] 26-M-0014 – Meeting Memo, EDS Conference	Released in part