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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 22 April 2026, in which you asked for:

*a copy of the discussion document drafted by DOC and Fisheries New Zealand "Improving Aotearoa New Zealand's approach to marine protection: Discussion document" (draft)*

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

The draft document, entitled *Improving Aotearoa New Zealand's approach to marine protection: Discussion Document*, was developed under a previous Government and has not been publicly released as a discussion document.

I have decided to release this draft document, subject to information being withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Official Information Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs. A redacted copy of the draft document is attached.

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



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*Te Papa Atawhai*