

10 March 2023



Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 14 February 2023 in which you asked for the following:

“Request for all information relating to discussions held as declared in Parliamentary questions 4640 (2022) by the Hon Kiritapu Allan on the 1st March 2022 as detailed in the paragraph below:

4640 (2022). Stuart Smith to the Minister of Conservation (01 Mar 2022): *Has the Minister or any Government officials met with Ngai Tahu regarding the Omihī/Goose Bay Recreational Reserve; if so, what was the reason for these meetings and what was discussed at these meetings?*

Hon Kiritapu Allan (Minister of Conservation) replied: *Department of Conservation officials have met with Ngāi Tahu regarding the Ōmihi/Goose Bay Recreation Reserve. A complaint was received about the closure of parts of the reserve to camping and **discussions were held to understand Ngāi Tahu’s reasons for the closure.***

Please supply full details of these discussions including the date and time of the discussions, the minutes of any meeting, or any recorded conversations between the two parties.”

Details of these discussions are as follows:

- Meetings were held on 15 December 2020 from 11.30am to 12.30pm and on 16 March 2021 from 11am to 12pm.
- Minutes were taken at the 15 December 2020 meeting. These are attached and accompany our response for your reference (see table below).
- No minutes or notes were taken at 16 March 2021 meeting.

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- Following the 16 March 2021 meeting, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu said it would keep the Department up to date as the management plan process gets underway.

A summary of material (in scope of your request) which accompanies our response as an attachment is noted below:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	15 December 2020	Notes of hui on Ōmihi/Goose Bay campgrounds, via Zoom	Released in part. Out of scope information not included.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under the following section of the Official Information Act:

- personal contact details, 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 which outweigh the grounds for withholding.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Department's website.

If you wish to discuss this with the Department, please contact me by email: rgrose@doc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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