



6 April 2023

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Tēnā koe [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 22 March 2023 in which you requested the written briefing to the DOC SLT on the June 2021 'Protecting Our Natural Ecosystems' Carbon Sinks' report and its implications for the Department. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Please find attached the 2021 SLT paper. Please note that some information has been withheld under s(9)(2)(a) and (9)(2)(g)(i) of the Official Information Act to protect privacy of a staff member and information that is considered to be free and frank advice, respectively. Please note that some information is redacted without a relevant section of the OIA cited. This is to remove a prior security classification that would have otherwise blocked the sending of the document if not removed.

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. 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.

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Nāku noa, nā

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