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Dear Stephanie,

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST**

I refer to your official information request dated 2 September 2014 for the following:

*“A list of all changes made to the conservation status of public conservation land in New Zealand in the ten years between September 2004 and August 2014.*

*Conservation land refers to all land administered by the Department of Conservation including, but not limited to, areas defined in Schedule 4 of the Crown Minerals Act 1991.*

*Changes to conservation status include:*

- 1) any direct alterations classification of the land's specified conservation status/classification that would result in changes to land use (i.e. reserve formation).*
- 2) any alterations to permitted activities or land purpose that do not otherwise fall under 1) (i.e. changes to access, or activities permitted within the area).*
- 3) any alterations to land use that have been initiated by legislative change (e.g. West Coast Wind-blown Timber (Conservation Lands) Act, which permits a new activity in certain West Coast conservation lands).*

*I would like the location, date of change, original and modified classification (or land use/activity as appropriate), and area of land affected by the change.”*

I regret that I am not able to provide you with the information you seek as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research (section 18(f) Official Information Act refers).

I have borne in mind sections 18A and 18B of the Official Information Act but concluded that use of either provision would not assist in this case.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marie Long', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marie Long  
Director, Planning & Permissions Unit  
for Director-General