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Tēnā koe Stephen

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 12 December 2023, in which you asked:

*'On 8 September a Treasury email Identified that Kanoa had advised there was only 1 viable commercial operator who are bidding for Turoa only.'*

*This request is for key internal and external correspondence related to the withdrawal of WHL from the bidding process for Whakapapa Ski Field.'*

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

Typically, we would transfer such a request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) under section 14(b)(ii) of the OIA. This is because management of the commercial bid process for Ruapehu Alpine Lifts is more closely connected with the functions of MBIE.

We have consulted with MBIE and understand it has already received the same request from you – accordingly, no transfer is necessary. As such, this letter is to confirm that the Department will take no further action on your request - but you can expect a response directly from MBIE in due course.

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 OIA.

Nāku noa, nā



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*Te Papa Atawhai*