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Lynn Middleton

Via email: fyi-request-7034-a38c3d36@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Lynn

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 19 December 2017. You requested the following:

“Regarding the RMS Niagara, please provide internal departmental reports, papers and presentations and submissions to Minister for Conservation; including advice, reports, presentations and recommendations.”

Primary responsibility for management of marine Wrecks sits with the Minister of Transport. While Department of Conservation staff have been monitoring the situation to assess potential risks to marine and bird life, to date it has not been a subject for a great deal of Ministerial advice. As a result of the memo below (item 1), the Minister is actively liaising with the Associate Minister of Transport on this matter.

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are attached:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Full date of document</i>	<i>Name of document. If a series of emails refer to it as emails on the topic</i>	<i>Released in full / Released in part -</i>
1	28 November 2017	Departmental Memo to the Minister of Conservation	Released in part
2	16 June 2017	Letter from Auckland Conservation Board to Minister of Conservation	Released in full
3	17 July 2017	Letter from Minister of Transport to Auckland Conservation Board	Released in full

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official

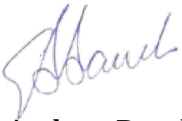
Information Act, as applicable:

- personal contact details of officials, 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.

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.

Kind regards



Andrew Baucke
Director Operations, Auckland