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Tēnā koe Stephen

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 13 January 2024, in which you asked for:

*'DOC internal and external correspondence covering the decision by DOC to vote as a creditor at the RAL watershed meeting. I would also expect this to include, but not be limited to, advice received by Penny Nelson referenced in her email to Treasury 15 June.'*

On 24 January we sought clarification of your request which was then refined to:

*'All substantive correspondence associated with the Departments decision to partake in the vote as creditor'.*

This letter is to advise you that we are extending the 20 working day period to respond to your request, as allowed under section 15A(1) of the Official Information Act 1982. We require an additional 6 days to respond to your request. We will send you a response no later than 01 March 2024, earlier if possible.

The extension of time is necessary as the consultations necessary to make a decision on the request mean that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to make a complaint to an Ombudsman about the extension.

If you wish to discuss this response to your request, please contact [governmentservices@doc.govt.nz](mailto:governmentservices@doc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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