

Stephen Day

From: Stephen Day
Sent: Friday, 5 December 2025 10:34 am
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: FW: Subject: Request for Joint Review – Blocked Marginal Strip Access on Spotts Creek (Cardrona Valley) Affecting Foot & Firearms Access to The Stacks Conservation Area from the Cardrona Valley.

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your official information request dated 1 December 2025 for how many requests for access to Stacks Conservation Area the Commission has received, and the outcomes of those requests.

The information you have requested is as follows.

Our case management system contains records for four cases relating to access to the Stacks Conservation Area.

- A case from 2025 in which an enquirer asked about carrying a bow and arrow on an easement near Spotts Creek to gain access to the Stacks Conservation Area. We closed the case earlier this year, responding to the enquirer that a bow is not a firearm and therefore can be carried on the easement. The Department of Conservation has confirmed that hunters can use the marginal strip to access the Stacks Conservation Area, provided that weapons are not loaded, not used from the marginal strip, and a hunting permit has been issued.
- Another case from 2025 in which an enquirer asked about access to the Stacks Conservation Area in Cardrona Valley. We closed the case after providing the enquirer with advice and directing them to talk to the Department of Conservation.
- A case from 2023 involved a hunter inquiring about access to the Stacks Conservation Area above Cardrona road. Our regional field advisor closed the case in 2024, noting that he would continue to raise the issue with the Department of Conservation at future meetings.
- A case related to an enquiry in 2020 about a fence blocking access to Waterfall Creek. Our regional field advisor closed the case in 2021, noting that the Department of Conservation has ensured fencing would be removed and that it had clarified it does not maintain the Public Access Easement in the area.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information on how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by freephone on 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.herengaanuku.govt.nz/our-work/about/disclosure/official-information-act-responses>, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 2 December 2025 08:58
To: Stephen Day <stephen.day@herengaanuku.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: FW: Subject: Request for Joint Review – Blocked Marginal Strip Access on Spotts Creek (Cardrona Valley) Affecting Foot & Firearms Access to The Stacks Conservation Area from the Cardrona Valley.

Morning Stephen

Yes sorry was intended for Richard, but is it possible to get more history via a OIR ?

Cheers [REDACTED]

On Tue, 2 Dec 2025, 8:54 am Stephen Day, <stephen.day@herengaanuku.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Was this email intended for Richard, not me? Also, is it an official information request?

Regards

Stephen



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 1 December 2025 4:11 pm
To: Stephen Day <stephen.day@herengaanuku.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: FW: Subject: Request for Joint Review – Blocked Marginal Strip Access on Spotts Creek (Cardrona Valley) Affecting Foot & Firearms Access to The Stacks Conservation Area from the Cardrona Valley.

Hi Richard

As a matter of interest do you have any history on how many request for access into Spotts Creek you have received, and was there ever anything positive achieved from DOC or the landowner.

Cheers [REDACTED]

On Mon, 1 Dec 2025, 1:39 pm Stephen Day, <stephen.day@herengaanuku.govt.nz> wrote:

Hello [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email. I have forwarded it on to our Central Otago/Southland field advisor, Richard Ryall. He will be in contact shortly.

Stephen



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From: info <info@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 1 December 2025 10:41 am

To: Stephen Day <stephen.day@herengaanuku.govt.nz>

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