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s 9(2)(a)

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request of 13 August 2018 for the following under the Official Information Act 1982:

Section 70B of the RMA 1991 provides as follows:

70B Implementation of national environmental standards If a national environmental standard is made to control the effects on climate change of the discharge into air of greenhouse gases, a regional council may make rules that are necessary to implement the standard, provided the rules are no more or less restrictive than the standard.

Could you please provide all documents relating to the development of a national environmental standard under this provision.

I wish to advise that your request is declined under Section 118(e) of the Act as the information you have requested relating to the development of a national environmental standard under this provision does not exist.

The Government recently consulted on the introduction of a Zero Carbon Bill which would introduce an emission reduction target, a series of emission budgets to reach that target, a range of adaptation measures and an independent Climate Change Commission. The specific policies which would be used to achieve particular targets and budgets alongside the existing Emissions Trading Scheme have not yet been scoped.

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

Yours sincerely



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