

18-D-02493

s 9(2)(a)

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 14 November 2018 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. A copy of Envirofert Limited's Waste Minimization Funding Application in its entirety.
2. A copy of MfE's decision on the above.
3. Any changes that Envirofert Limited have notified MfE of in regards to how the funding is to be spent.

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has identified four documents in scope of your request, as detailed in the document table listed below. The Ministry is releasing most of the in-scope material. Some information is with-held under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a): to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(b)(ii): to protect information where release of the information would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of the information.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

The document "Extract – Appendix 2 – Applications recommended by the Panel" fulfils part 2 of your request, 'copy of MfE's decision on the (Envirofert Limited application)'. Please note that the Minister decides whether Waste Minimisation Fund (WMF) applications are granted funding. Recommendations are put forward by an independent WMF Panel, and the Minister then approves or declines each application for funding.

Please also note that some information has been removed as it is out of scope of your request.

Envirofert Ltd are in the process of varying the details of their proposed works, and the Ministry will be working with them to ensure their revised plans meet the requirements necessary to receive WMF funding.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.





Please note, the Ministry for the Environment may publish selected OIA responses on our OIA web page shortly after the response has been sent, if there is a high public interest in the topic.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team.

Yours sincerely

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the Official Information Act 1982



List of in scope documents

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	May 2016	Application form: "Waste Minimisation Fund – Application Form for Project Funding"	Release in part	s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(b)(ii)
2	12 August 2016	Briefing note: "Waste Minimisation Fund recommendations – May 2016" – Extract from "Appendix 2 – Applications recommended by the Panel"	Release in full Out of scope information has been removed	n/a
3	October 2018	Email chain #1: MfE & Envirofert – October 2018	Release in part	S 9(2)(a)
4	July-October 2018	Email chain #2: MfE & Envirofert – July-October 2018	Release in part Out of scope information has been removed	S 9(2)(a)

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