

s 9(2)(a)

19-D-00890

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 17 May 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 copies of all correspondence to and from, and any other documentation, between the Ministry for the Environment (and its staff) and Plaman Resources Limited and people working for, or contracted to represent it, in the last 2 years.

This is specifically in relation to Plaman's proposal to mine diatomite at Foulden Maar in Middlesmarch near Otago.

The Ministry for the Environment has searched its records and found no communications with Plaman Resources Ltd or its representatives in the last two years. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) as the information does not exist or cannot be found.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of this response, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry for the Environment will publish responses to most of our requests for official information on our web site on our OIA responses page shortly after the response has been sent to you.

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

Yours sincerely



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