

19-D-01187

s 9(2)(a)

Dear s 9(2)(a)

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

1. *I request the following information regarding under also section 23(1) of the OIA (1987) regarding an alleged contract under the term RMA101 involving Mr Robert McClean Manager of RMA Practice Ministry for the Environment of reports and hui notes regarding iwi consultation and engagement in Northland for RMA and any plans to develop multi hapū – iwi management plans for RMA ( the Resource Management Act 1991 between Local Authorities in particular The Whangarei District Council and local hapu and iwi of Whangarei between January 4<sup>th</sup> 2016-June 2019.*
2. *All emails sent to Mr Robert McClean of Lorena Stephen sent between January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016-May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 regarding RMA consultation or planning hui in Whangarei with local iwi groups such as Te Huinga and Te Karearea.*
3. *A copy of the RMA 101 Project and application for funding by the Ministry for the Environment as a Government Department to the Minister for the Environment and letter of approval granted by his office.*
4. *The letter or emails signed under delegated authority by the Minister for the Environment of the Office of the Minister for the Environment the granting of this project by your department outlining its aims and objectives funding and the amount granted and its terms and conditions.*

The Ministry for the Environment has identified 7 documents in the scope of part 1 of your request, and 69 documents in the scope of part 2 of your request, as listed in the attached table. No documents within the scope of part 3, and 4 of your request were identified.

Some information within these documents has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons (..)
- 9(2)(ba)(i) to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence (...) where the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions between officials

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.

Documents 2 and 5 contain the personal hui notes from one staff member who attended the May-June 2019 Regional hui. These notes do not represent the position of The Ministry for the Environment. Document 4 provides the official record of hui notes from these hui.

Some out of scope information has also been removed from document 13.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of 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 on their website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our website on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent.

If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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the Official Information Act 1982

**List of documents**

Document no.	Document date	Title and document type	Decisions	OIA sections applied
Part 1				
1	30 April 19	Draft: Early thinking – scope and process for a comprehensive review of the resource management system	Released in full	
2	13 May 19	FW: Notes from first three hui	Released in part	S 9(2)(ba)(i)
3	3 May 19	FW: Te Tai Tokerau trip. 2 May 2019, Lorena and Robert, some briefing notes	Released in full	
4	13 May 19	Taitokerau Regional Iwi Māori Environmental Hui	Released in full	
5	11 June 19	General observations from May regional hui	Released in part	S 9(2)(ba)(i)
6	3 May 19	Comprehensive review of the RM system – talking points for hui at phase 1	Released in full	
7	29 June 19	Draft: Early thinking – scope and process for a comprehensive review of the resource management system	Released in full	
Part 2				
8	18 July 16	FW: MGD program in Tutukaka	Released in part	S 9(2)(a)

9	26 September 16	Re: MGD Programme delivery at Tutukaka	Released in part	S 9(2)(a)
10	30 November 17	FW: Northland Regional Council MWR	Released in part	S 9(2)(a) S 9(2)(g)(i)
11	14 July 16	FW: Oceans Resort, Tutukaka – MGF Programmes	Released in part	S 9(2)(a)
12	12 July 16	FW: Oceans Resort, Tutukaka – MGD Programmes	Released in part	S 9(2)(a)
13	28 June 18	FW: Te Whanau a Apanui – environment workshop date	Released in part	S 9(2)(ba)(i)
14	7 May 19	Potential date confusion for regional hui	Released in full	
15	1 December 17	Re: FW Northland Regional Council MWR	Released in part	S 9(2)(a) S 9(2)(g)(i)
16	27 September 16	Re: MGD Programme delivery at Tutukaka	Released in part	S 9(2)(a)
17	14 July 16	Re: Oceans Resort, Tutukaka – MGD Programmes	Released in part	S 9(2)(a)
18	13 July 16	Re: Oceans Resort, Tutukaka – MGD Programmes	Released in part	S 9(2)(a)
19	12 July 16	Re: Oceans Resort, Tutukaka – MGD Programmes	Released in part	S 9(2)(a)
20	5 July 18	RE: Planning standards – we should catch up on iwi issues	Released in part	S 9(2)(ba)(i)
21	5 July 18	RE: Planning standards – we should catch up on iwi issues	Released in part	S 9(2)(ba)(i)

22	4 July 18	RE Planning standards – we should catch up on iwi issues	Released in part	S 9(2)(ba)(i)
23	7 May 19	RE: Potential date confusion for regional hui	Released in full	
24	23 February 17	Accepted: Lunch and meeting to discuss forthcoming hearing commissioners training	Released in full	
25	23 February 17	Accepted: Lunch and meeting to discuss forthcoming hearing commissioners training	Released in full	
26	29 April 19	Accepted – Trip for Lorena Stephen to Whangarei departing Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Released in full	
27	29 April 19	Accepted – Trip for Lorena Stephen to Whangarei departing Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Released in full	
28	26 April 19	Booking request, Wellington to Whangarei and return via Kerikeri, 2 May 2019	Released in full	
29	3 May 19	Draft talking points for Amanda re Wai2883 – to be updated following meeting with CLO this afternoon	Released in full	
30	3 May 19	FW: Draft talking points for Amanda re Wai2883 – to be	Released in full	

		updated following meeting with CLO this afternoon		
31	25 February 19	FW: MfE commissioner / RMA training – Will Tait Jamieson	Released in full	
32	23 May 18	FW: Planning Standards cultural support	Released in full	
33	29 May 18	FW: Planning Standards cultural support	Released in full	
34	16 June 17	FW: Stakeholder engagement - next two weeks	Released in full	
35	13 October 17	FW: Stakeholder engagement - next two weeks	Released in full	
36	12 April 18	FW: Te Kōmiromiro – Ministry for the Environment panui - Preview	Released in full	
37	3 May 19	FW: Te Tai Tokerau trip, 2 May 2019, Lorena and Roberts, some brief notes	Released in full	
38	2 May 19	FWD: SUPPORT for 2 May Hui	Released in part	S9(2)(a)
39	14 June 18	Mana Taiao involvement n consultation next 6 weeks	Released in full	
40	11 June 18	Mana Taiao weekly update, week starting 11 June	Released in full	
41	5 March 19	MEETING NOTES: MfE-NRC/FNDC 18 & 19 February 2019	Released in full	
42	25 March 19	Ministry engagement reset	Released in full	

43	27 March 19	Potential opp for MfE to talk RMA with Whangaroa Hapū	Released in full	
44	19 March 19	Q: Fitting in Kerikeri meeting with Whangarei meeting 2 May	Released in full	
45	26 April 19	Re Booking request, Wellington to Whanerei and return via Kerikeri, 2 May 2019	Released in full	
46	3 May 19	RE: Draft talking points for Amanda re Wai2883 – to be updated following meeting with CLO this afternoon	Released in full	
47	2 April 19	RE: May Hui Planning and Preparation - dates	Released in full	
48	2 April 19	RE: May Hui Planning and Preparation - dates	Released in full	
49	3 April 19	RE: May Hui Planning and Preparation - dates	Released in full	
50	11 April 19	RE: May Regional Iwi Maori Engagement	Released in full	
51	17 April 19	RE: meeting on 2 May	Released in full	
52	23 April 19	RE: meeting on 2 May	Released in full	
53	27 February 19	RE: MfE commissioner / RMA training - Will Tait Jamieson	Released in full	
54	27 February 19	RE: MfE commissioner /	Released in full	

		RMA training - Will Tait Jamieson		
55	13 March 19	RE: MfE commissioner / RMA training - Will Tait Jamieson	Released in full	
56	13 March 19	RE: MfE commissioner / RMA training - Will Tait Jamieson	Released in full	
57	13 March 19	RE: MfE commissioner / RMA training - Will Tait Jamieson	Released in part	S9(2)(a)
58	13 March 19	RE: MfE commissioner / RMA training - Will Tait Jamieson	Released in part	S9(2)(a)
59	25 March 19	RE: Ministry engagement reset	Released in full	
60	27 March 19	RE: Ministry engagement reset	Released in full	
61	23 May 18	RE: Planning Standards cultural support	Released in full	
62	8 May 19	RE: Potential date confusion for regional hui	Released in full	
63	19 March 19	RE: Q: Fitting in Kerikeri meeting with Whangarei meeting 2 May	Released in full	
64	2 May 19	RE: visit to Northland Regional Council	Released in full	
65	2 May 19	RE: visit to Northland Regional Council	Released in full	
66	24 April 19	RE: Visit to Whangarei and Kerikeri, 2 May 2019	Released in full	

67	24 April 19	RE: Visit to Whangarei and Kerikeri, 2 May 2019	Released in full	
68	10 April 19	Regional hui dates have changed!	Released in full	
69	1 May 19	REQUEST: Messaging and attendees/invitees for regional hui	Released in full	
70	16 June 17	Stakeholder engagement - next two weeks	Released in full	
71	2 May 19	SUPPORT for 2 May hui	Released in part	S9(2)(a)
72	3 May 19	Te Tai Tokerau Day big day out 2 May 2019 (a true story by Robert McClean, featuring Lorena Stephen and a shortened morning appearance by Will Tait-Jamieson)	Released in full	
73	3 May 19	Te Tai Tokerau trip, 2 May 2019, Lorena and Robert, some brief notes	Released in full	
74	18 May 17	Travel Arrangement for Chyi Sim in June 2017 (Planning Standards workshop)	Released in full	
75	1 May 19	Visit to Northland Regional Council	Released in full	
76	24 April 19	Visit to Whangarei and Kerikeri, 2 May 2019	Released in full	

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