

3 September 2019

s 9(2)(a)

19-D-01627

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 6 August 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

This request relates to a Message Board invitation from Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment 'I created topic: you're invited! Nz planetary boundaries. Description: excited to announce that drawing on learnings and network here that we will host and invite you to a NZ EAT forum in early 2020. We will present research that translates the planetary boundaries to nz and in it's you to join in a conversation on next actions. More details to come. Email planetaryboundaries@mfe.govt.nz'.

This OIA requests the release of:

- 1. Copies of any communications, including but not limited to emails, presentations, briefings, or other communications relating to NZ hosting a NZ EAT Forum in early 2020.*
- 2. Please take this to include details of the organising committee, invitees, location of the forum and an indicative budget for this NZ EAT Forum*

The Ministry for the Environment has identified two emails in scope of your request. Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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.

Please note that the message board post quoted in your request was mainly designed to test interest in the proposal for an EAT forum to be hosted in New Zealand. We are currently in the early stages of exploring the possibility of hosting such an event, as well as alternative options for launching the planetary boundaries research. Therefore, at present there is no information on any organising details, invitees, locations or indicative budgets.

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.

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.

Yours sincerely



Claire Richardson
Deputy Secretary,
Organisational Performance

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the Official Information Act 1982

Dear Michelle,

I hope all is well. A number of updates:

1. Lancet presentation: have sent you my slides via wetransfer
2. Stockholm Food Forum: how are preparations going? Sweden has invited Vicky to the roundtable on the afternoon of Tuesday 11th, where Johan is speaking. I will send you the list of side events this week.
3. Food Systems Dialogue – please find an overview document attached which introduces the Food Systems Dialogue approach to cross-sectoral convening around food, curated by Dr David Nabarro, with a secretariat at EAT. It could be interesting to do a Food Systems Dialogue around the time the rapid study is released in November?
4. Asia-Pacific Food Forum: it's very exciting to hear that New Zealand could be interested in hosting a regional Forum next year. This can come in a variety of formats and sizes, but the goal would be to catalyse new regional action on food systems. Linking with the APEC agenda would be very exciting. EAT will bring our production and convening expertise, global research, and regional network into such a Forum, and we would need the host government to support diplomatic correspondence with regional governments, logistics and contribute to the funding. Please find attached the report from the 2017 Asia-Pacific Food Forum. We would like to discuss this opportunity with Vicky in Stockholm.
5. Secretary General's Climate Summit, UNGA, September 2019: We are excited to be engaged with the Climate Summit, specifically the nature-based solutions track that New Zealand is co-leading. With the support of a range of partners, including the Food and Land Use Coalition, C40 Cities, and the Government of Costa Rica, we have submitted the attached official input to the nature-based solutions theme. Dr David Nabarro is also involved with curating this theme. We would be grateful for New Zealand's feedback on this submission and potential support with bringing food systems approaches into these discussions.

I look forward to your views on the above.

Kind regards,

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Subject: NZ Eat Forum 2019

Hello,

My name is s 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]. I saw Vicky Robertson's post in the EAT Stockholm Food Forum app regarding the NZ/ EAT Planetary Boundaries conference 2019, which I am very interested in. I would love to be added to a mailing list regarding the event or similar.

Thank you and kind regards,
s 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

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