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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request of 16/09/2019 requesting the document titled "*Environmental Standard review – Towards a National Environmental Standard for Contaminated Sites*", under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The Ministry for the Environment has identified the document, which is in scope of your request, and is released in full.


The Ministry previously investigated a NES framework for protecting high value ecological receptors where the land is contaminated. The benefits of managing this issue were, at the time, outweighed by the potential costs, and the limited applicability of such a NES. Much has changed in the contaminated land management field since the report was received in 2012, and the reader should be mindful of this.

The Ministry remains interested in protecting ecological receptors, and continues to communicate with regional councils with regard to the need to develop a framework for implementing Eco SGV's.

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.

Yours sincerely


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List of documents

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	2012	Environmental Standard review – Towards a National Environmental Standard for Contaminated Sites	Release in full	-

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the Official Information Act 1982