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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 13 September 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Under the OIA, could I please have a list of catchments that will exceed proposed Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen (DIN) and Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus (DRP) limits proposed in the government's Essential Freshwater package, and the percentage to which these limits are exceeded.

Could I also please have this same list at a regional level.

This information is publically available, therefore the Ministry for the Environment has decided to refuse your request in accordance with section 18(d) of the Act.

Mapped concentrations of nitrate-nitrogen (of which dissolved inorganic nitrogen is mostly comprised of) and dissolved reactive phosphorus were recently published as part of Environment Aotearoa 2019. This can be found at: https://statisticsnz.shinyapps.io/river_water_quality_nitrogen/. Data are available under the 'download' tab at both the reach scale and monitoring site scale.

Catchments boundaries can be found on our data service: <https://data.mfe.govt.nz/layer/99776-sea-draining-catchments/>. Regional council boundaries can be found on the Statistics NZ data service: <https://datafinder.stats.govt.nz/layer/98765-regional-council-2019-clipped-generalised/>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my 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.

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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