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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 2 October 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Ministry for the Environment. 2019. Action for healthy waterways - A discussion document on national direction for our essential freshwater. Wellington: Ministry for the Environment*

- *All official information by Ministry for the Environment on the aforementioned discussion document*
- *In particular I would like copies of all documents, briefing documents, emails, texts, handwritten notes and dairy notes which pertain to any work done by the Ministry of the Environment on the welling impact on rural communities and the wellbeing of farmers with regards to the cited document*

*For clarity I request information on this document passing through the rural proofing policy.*


The scope of your request is very broad and would take significant resource to respond to. On 17 and 24 October 2019 we contacted you to discuss and clarify the scope of your request in order to help us respond to it. However, we were not able to make contact with you and in the absence of a response from you, we are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the information you have requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

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 [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent.

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

Yours sincerely



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