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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 12 November 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Copies of any reports, documents, memoranda, correspondence, legal advice or emails, both internal and external regarding Te Arawa Lakes programme for Lakes Rotoehu, Rotoma, Rotorua and Rotoiti, from June 2018 onwards.

On 19 November 2019 we formally clarified the scope of your request to:

Copies of Project delivery documents (Annual Work Plan/Annual Report), Ministerial Briefings, Governance Group agendas and meeting minutes in relation to TLI results for the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme from June 2018 onwards.

The Ministry for the Environment has identified 19 documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached table.

Some of the information has been refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as it is already publicly available. Refer to the links provided for the publically available information. In addition, some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(h), to maintain legal professional privileges.

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.

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.

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 our Executive Relations team.

Yours sincerely



Martin Workman
Director, Water

Released under the provision of
the Official Information Act 1982

List of documents

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	15 June 2018	Meeting Agenda: Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group	Refuse	18(d) https://www.boprc.govt.nz/your-council/council-and-region/council-and-committees/rotorua-te-arawa-lakes-strategy-group/
2	2 November 2018	Meeting Agenda: Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group Includes 2017/18 Annual Report	Refuse	18(d) https://www.boprc.govt.nz/your-council/council-and-region/council-and-committees/rotorua-te-arawa-lakes-strategy-group/
3	5 April 2019	Meeting Agenda: Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group	Refuse	18(d) https://www.boprc.govt.nz/your-council/council-and-region/council-and-committees/rotorua-te-arawa-lakes-strategy-group/
4	27 September 2019	Meeting Agenda: Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group	Refuse	18(d) https://www.boprc.govt.nz/your-council/council-and-region/council-and-committees/rotorua-te-arawa-lakes-strategy-group/
5	18 June 2018	Briefing Note: 2018-B-04515 Response to request for information on the Rotorua Lakes Incentives Fund	Refuse	S9(2)(h) maintain legal professional privilege
6	16 July 2018	Briefing Note: 18-B-04662 Approval of the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme's Annual Work Plan for 2018/19 and Three-Year Plan 2018/19 – 2020/21	Release in part	S9(2)(h) maintain legal professional privilege
7	18 July 2018	Annual Work Plan 2018/19	Release	n/a

8	18 July 2018	Three-Year Work Plan 2018/19 – 2020/21	Release	n/a
9	31 December 2018	Six Month Report July – December 2018	Release	n/a
10	15 August 2018	Meeting Agenda: Programme Steering Group	Release	n/a
11	25 September 2018	Meeting Agenda: Programme Steering Group	Release	n/a
12	20 February 2019	Meeting Agenda: Programme Steering Group	Release	n/a
13	3 April 2019	Meeting Agenda: Programme Steering Group	Release	n/a
14	3 July 2019	Meeting Agenda: Programme Steering Group	Release	n/a
15	16 August 2019	Briefing Note: 2019-B-05824 – 'Fresh Start for Fresh Water – Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme Appropriation' funding redirection to Te Arawa Lakes Trust	Release	Did not progress
16	21 August 2019	Annual Report 2018/19	Release	n/a
17	21 August 2019	Meeting Agenda: Programme Steering Group	Release	n/a
18	1 October 2019	Briefing Note: 2019-B-05823 – Approval of the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme – 2019-20 Annual Work Plan	Release	n/a
19	2 October 2019	Meeting Agenda: Programme Steering Group	Release	n/a

Note: due to file size, please email ministerials@mfe.govt.nz for copies of the documents released