



20-D-00126

s 9(2)(a)

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 29 January 2020 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

With respect, can MfE please release to me its submission on the Waitaki District Council's district plan review? This submission was mentioned to Minister David Parker on July 3 last year, in briefing 2019-B-05750. Given multiple ministerial updates regarding the Mackenzie Basin, this information is in the public interest.

On 30 January 2020 you made the following media inquiry which asked for the same document as requested in your Official Information Act request:

In a briefing (2019-B-05750, principal author Rowan Taylor) to the Environment Minister on July 3 last year, the Ministry said it would prepare a submission on Waitaki District Council's district plan review discussion document. Can the Ministry please confirm it did that, and give a flavour of what it said? Beyond the confirmation itself, any comments need to be attached to a named person, please.

Also, not necessarily for today, please release a copy of this submission.

On 30 January 2020 the Communications team at the Ministry provided you with the document you requested. Therefore, the Ministry considers that it has responded in full to your request for official information.

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: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Wilson
Director, RMA Implementation

Released under the provision of the Official Information Act 1982