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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email on 2 April 2020 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can you tell me how many submissions you have received for consultations you have run over the last 5 years. I understand you had 15,000 for the Zero Carbon Bill consultation but I would like to know what you received for others.

Can you also give me demographics of respondents for each consultation as well?

Age, location and gender and any other information you might have about the people who made submissions that can be compared.

The Ministry has taken the term “consultation” to mean any instance where the Ministry formally consulted with the public, by requesting submissions, on proposed policies.

Attached is a table of all applicable consultations with the information you have asked for, where the Ministry does hold this information.

This request also asks for demographic information or any other information that can be used to compare members of the public that are taking part in consultation undertaken by the Ministry. The Ministry does not collect demographic information such as age or gender from submission respondents, we will not be able to provide you with that information.

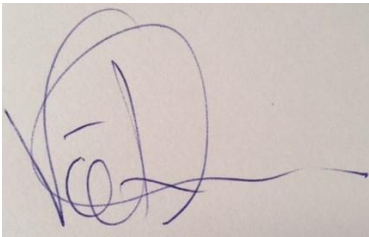
However, some consultations have collected regional information based on which location the submission was submitted from. The Ministry has also sometimes collated information as to the type of submission. This means collating information to confirm whether the submission was made on behalf of a business/organisation, government agency, a private individual or from an advocacy group.

This information has not been collected for every consultation, either because the information was not relevant to the given consultation or that the Ministry’s practices have changed over time. Where this information is available, the Ministry has included it in the consultation submission information document. This data is displayed as either a figure in the table or a graph or a percentage in the linked Summary of Submissions document).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions as they relate 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 (<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act-requests>) 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Vicki Connor', is shown within a rectangular frame.

Vicki Connor
Director, Communications and Engagement

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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	29 April 2020	20-B-0123 Consultation submission information	Released in full	N/A

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Year	Consultation Name	Submission total	Submitter Type	Region Data	Notes
2015	Setting New Zealand's post-2030 climate change target	11639	N/A	N/A	More information: https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Climate%20Change/Climate%20Change%20-%20NZ%20-%202015%20-%20Final%20-%2015112015.pdf
2015	Feedback sought on proposed changes to the Ozone Layer Protection Regulations 1996	5	All from industry groups	N/A	
2016	A new Marine Protected Areas Act	5,393	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Government 22 Business/Industry 122 Non-governmental agencies (environmental groups, community groups, recreational organisations and trusts) 33 Central government 1 Other 42 Individuals 581 	N/A	
2016	Consultation on contaminated land management guidelines	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contaminated land consultants 10 Territorial authorities 3 Regional councils 3 Other 2 Landowner / occupier (corporate) 1 	N/A	
2016	Next steps for fresh water	6,342	Breakdown on page 4 of Summary of Submission document	N/A	More information in Summary of Submission: https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Fresh%20Water/summary-of-submissions-next-steps-for-freshwater-final-3.pdf
2016	Proposed regulation of pettioned material from space launch vehicles in New Zealand's Exclusive Economic Zone	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iwi 4 Industry 3 Local government 2 Individuals 5 NGO 1 	N/A	
2016	Proposed amendments to the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health	91	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Territorial authority 32 Contaminated land practitioner 19 Business/Industry 13 Network utility operator 10 Regional council 6 Individual 4 Other 7 	N/A	
2016	Proposed to add additional chemicals to those banned or restricted under New Zealand legislation	N/A	N/A	N/A	Consultation run EPA
2016	Managing microbeads in personal care products	16273	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals 16,186 Business/Industry 22 NGOs 7 Local government 4 Other 4 	N/A	
2017	Submissions on the proposed amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014	7270	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual 513 Māori/Iwi 21 Environmental/Community group 56 Primary sector 17 Business/Industry 19 Regional council 19 City or District Council 8 District Health Board 7 University/Research organisation 8 Other organisation 11 Green Party 1337 Forest & Bird 3617 	N/A	
2017	Proposed technical updates to New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme regulations for 2017	13	All from organisations	N/A	
2017	Hydroforescences phase down	31	N/A	N/A	
2017	Outdoor storage of tyres	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Government 12 Business/Industry 11 Individuals 5 NGO 1 Other 6 	N/A	
2017	Regulation of the deposit of petitioned material on the seabed from space vehicles: proposed changes	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fishing group 1 Individual 2 Iwi/Māori 3 Other industry 2 	N/A	
2018	Soil best practice guidelines, compliance monitoring and enforcement under RMA	N/A	N/A	N/A	did not consult publicly
2018	Proposed technical updates to New Zealand emissions trading scheme regulations 2018	4	All from organisations not individuals	N/A	
2018	Draft National Planning Standards	201	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long submissions 12,444 Short submissions 2481 Consultation forms 404 Iwi 3 Industry 4 Local government 1 Community group 1 	N/A	More information in Summary of Submission: https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/RMA/1-overview-introduction.pdf
2018	Zero Carbon Bill	15029	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long submissions 12,444 Short submissions 2481 Consultation forms 404 	N/A	More information in Summary of Submission: https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Climate%20Change/Zero-Carbon-Bill-Summary-of-Submissions-2018-06-01.pdf
2018	Development of regulations under the EEZ Act for decommissioning offshore oil and gas infrastructure	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iwi 3 Industry 4 Local government 1 Community group 1 	N/A	More information in Summary of Submission: https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Marine/2018-05-04-06-final-policy-recommendations-for-decommissioning-plan-under-eez-act.pdf
2018	Phase out of single-use plastic shopping bags	9354	N/A	N/A	
2018	Proposed improvements to New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme	253	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture 10 Business/Industry groups 25 Electricity 20 Forestry 61 Individual 49 Industrial processors 8 Iwi/Māori 13 Liquid fossil fuels 7 Local government 15 Market intermediaries 2 NGO/Community group 13 Research and tertiary organisations 5 Stationary energy (excluding electricity) 6 Waste 1 Wood processor/manufacturer 2 Other 6 	N/A	
2019	Resource Management Amendment Bill	N/A	N/A	N/A	Consultation run by Environment Select Committee. More information in Summary of Submission: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/nc/submissions-and-issues/document/5282624_adv_51356_520426/industry-br-the-environment-departmental-report-resource
2019	Proposed Technical Updates to New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Regulations 2019	5	All from organisations not individuals	N/A	
2019	Action on agricultural emissions	3956	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual 418 Greenpeace – form 2614 WWF – form 524 	Page 10 of Summary of Submission	More information in Summary of Submission: https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Climate%20Change/action-on-agricultural-emissions-summary-of-submissions.pdf
Consultations currently under review					
2019	Proposed priority products and priority product stewardship scheme guidelines	3986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business / Industry 199 Local Government 40 Iwi/Māori 15 NGO/Community group 80 Individual 3633 Academic/Research community 9 Unspecified / Other 10 	N/A	
2019	National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land	310	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals 66 Councils 48 Primary producers 47 General Businesses 36 Industry bodies 25 NGOs 11 Government agencies 9 Māori/Iwi organisations 8 	N/A	
2019	Hazardous substances assessments: limiting the use of smoking substances	66	N/A	N/A	
2019	Proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development	239	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic/research community 8 Business/Industry 18 Central government 2 Crown entity 9 Developer 15 Environmental NGO/heritage/community 23 Horticultural sector 2 Individual 80 Infrastructure provider 17 Local government 43 Māori/Iwi/hapu 11 Planning/urban design professional 18 Professional body 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auckland 20 Bay of Plenty 5 Canterbury 31 Gisborne 2 Hawke's Bay 2 Horizons 6 Northland 5 Chago 6 Taranaki 2 Tairānaki 2 Waikato 11 Wellington 25 Australia 1 New Zealand (unspecified) 132 	
2019	Action for healthy waterways	approximately 17,500	Approximately 3300 individual/unique, approximately 14,000 form based submissions	N/A	Analysis of submission number still being completed
2019	Climate-related financial disclosures	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business / Industry 36 Industry Groups 9 NGO 8 Professional body 6 Individual 4 Crown entity 3 Local government 2 Unspecified / Other 2 Legal professional 2 Iwi/Māori 2 Academic/research community 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auckland 20 Wellington 23 Not specified 5 Canterbury 3 Chago 2 New South Wales 2 London 2 Waikato 1 Taranaki 1 Northland 1 California 1 Victoria 1 West Coast 1 Melbourne 1 Nelson 1 Sydney 1 Ontario 1 	
2019	Reforming the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Rules for Auctioning	48	Organisations 43 and individuals 5	N/A	
2019	Reforming the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Modelling the electricity allocation factor	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business/Industry 7 Stationary energy 1 Electricity Company 3 NGO 2 Individual 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bay of Plenty 2 Wellington 6 Waikato 2 Northland 1 Auckland 3 Unknown 1 	

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2019	Resource Management System: a comprehensive review	187	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local government 36 Māori organisation 22 Resource Management Professional 36 (15 organisations, 21 individuals) Industry system user 44 Environmental NGO 6 Government system user 5 District Health Board 5 Research 9 (4 organisations, 5 individuals) Community 24 (12 organisations, 12 individuals) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auckland 33 Australia 1 Bay of Islands 1 Bay of Plenty 1 Canterbury 10 Christchurch 3 Coromandel 1 Dunedin 5 Hamilton 1 Hawke's Bay 2 Horticulture 1 Kapiti Coast 2 Manawatu Whanganui 2 Marlborough 1 Masterton 1 National 6 Nelson 3 Nelson/Tasman 1 Nelson Marlborough 1 Northland 1 Otago 4 Queenstown 1 Rotorua 3 South Island 1 Taranaki 4 Tasman 2 Tauranga 3 Waikato and Waipa 10 Wellington 9 Wellington/ Canada 1 West Coast 2 Whangarei 2 	This consultation was conducted for the Resource Management Review Panel, with MRE providing secretariat support.
2019	Proposed National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity	7,308	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual/unique 733 Forest and Bird form submissions 6575 	N/A	Processing of submissions is still being completed so final figure could change
2019	Reducing waste: a more effective landfill levy	479	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business / industry 96 Environmental NGO 24 Individual 264 Iwi/hapu 2 Local Government 41 NGO 11 Unspecified / Other 41 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not answer 43 Nationwide 38 Northland 17 Auckland 123 Waikato 18 Bay of Plenty 15 Gisborne 3 Hawke's Bay 12 Taranaki 6 Manawatu Wanganui 18 Wellington 81 Tasman 8 Nelson 19 Marlborough 2 West Coast 5 Canterbury 33 Otago 28 Southland 6 Victoria (Australia) 2 	
2019	Reforming the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Proposed settings	133	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals 37 Business/industry 20 Electricity sector 9 NGO/community groups 9 Stationery sector 8 Iwi/Maori 7 Agriculture sector 7 Liquid fossil fuels sector 6 Local government 5 Industrial processor 5 Horticulture 5 Forestry sector 5 Market intermediaries 4 Research and tertiary organisations 3 Wood processor/manufacturer 2 Central government 1 	N/A	
2020	Proposed National Environment Standard for the outdoor storage of tyres	43	N/A	N/A	

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