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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 14 May 2020 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

a copy of all correspondence, memoranda, filenotes, briefings and other documents from 15 March 2020 to 15 April 2020 held by your Office regarding:

(1) advice, correspondence & decisions relating to proposed changes to legislation intended to speed up and implement infrastructure and development projects in response to COVID-19, including but not limited to consideration of maintaining environmental safeguards and community and iwi consultation.

(2) advice, correspondence & decisions relating to the identification and funding of shovel ready projects, including the establishment of the infrastructure group

(3) advice, correspondence and decisions to delay the introduction of national direction, policy, and environmental regulations in light of COVID-19 considerations.

(4) how the three above processes relate to Government commitments to:

a. apply a 'climate lens' to these COVID-19 response decisions as per the Government's announcement of 4 December 2019 "Climate change lens on major Government decisions" and pursuant to the Zero Carbon Act;

b. the proposed national direction on freshwater, highly productive land and urban development and transport; and

c. Māori consultation, both with Iwi & Hapū, and Māori development.

You have sent the same request for information to Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment and Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change. Where the same information (as listed in the document schedule below) is held by the Ministry and these Ministers, the Ministers are releasing, or otherwise, that information to you.

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

This letter has been approved electronically by Justin Strang

Justin Strang
Head of the Office of the Chief Executive

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Document schedule

Document date	Content
30 April 2020	Cabinet paper: Action for Healthy Waterways – Decisions on National Direction and Regulations for Freshwater management
2 April 2020	Briefing: 2020-B-06612 NZ ETS work programme: Revised priorities and advice under development given the COVID-19 pandemic
13 April 2020	Final Climate Change Weekly Update for week of 13 April 2020
20 March 2020	Aide memoir: Special legislation to fast track consenting projects in response to Covid-19
27 March 2020	2020-B-06601 Cover note for Cabinet paper to fast track consenting to support Covid-19 recovery
30 March 2020	Advice note on Kaikoura and Canterbury Order in Council - consenting processes.
30 March 2020	Weekly update – Special legislation to fast track consenting of infrastructure and development projects
1 April 2020	2020-B-06621 Revised draft Cabinet paper on supporting recovery from COVID-19 Bill
3 April 2020	Appendix 1 for COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Bill 2020-C-06598
6 April 2020	Weekly Update – Special legislation to fast track consenting
9 April 2020	Cover Note for Minister Parker meeting 9 April 7am
12 May 2020	Cabinet Paper - COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Bill 2020-C-06598
14 April 2020	Departmental Memo from the Department of Conservation
14 April 2020	Appendix B – Ministerial Feedback
17 April 2020	Email to Andrew McCauley
17 April 2020	Attachment to email of 17 April 2020. Attachment is titled 'Shovel ready Infrastructure Projects: Project Information Form'