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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 3 May 2020 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Please provide, under the Official Information Act, the names of all briefings sent to the Minister for the Environment from MfE in March and April.*

There are 80 titles within scope of your request as identified in the attached list. Two of the titles have been withheld under the following section of the Act:

9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

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 a 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 contact [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz) if you have any queries about this response.

Yours sincerely

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**List of in scope titles**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tracking number</b>	<b>Title</b>
2/03/2020	2020-B-06462	Essential Freshwater 82: Making Freshwater Farm Plans enforceable
3/03/2020	2020-B-06496	Proactive release of the annual update on the use of fireworks in New Zealand 2019
5/03/2020	2020-B-06405	Update and advice on Waikato River Authority Crown appointments
5/03/2020	2020-B-06405	Update and advice on Waikato River Authority Crown appointments Appendices
5/03/2020	N/A	Te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi and the role of Māori in the Resource Management System
5/03/2020	2020-B-06529	Update on the National Policy Statement on Urban Development
5/03/2020	2020-B-06529	Annex A – slide pack on key areas of NPS-UD
6/03/2020	2020-B-06540	Otago plan change call-in requests
6/03/2020	2020-B-06550	Proposals for 'Water Commission Unit': Developing recommendations for the future oversight, performance monitoring and implementation support for the freshwater management system
6/03/2020	2020-B-06431	Essential Freshwater 83, Policy decisions following consultation
6/03/2020	2020-B-06514	Planetary Boundaries Report - Update
6/03/2020	2020-B-06486	Te Whanau a Apanui - Agreement to Te Ao Turoa (natural environment) framework
9/03/2020	2020-B-06548	Talking points for meeting with Dr Rod Carr
9/03/2020	2020-B-06537	Heritage protection project: approval of consultation process for national direction
10/03/2020	2020-B-06547	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
10/03/2020	2020-B-06544	Essential Freshwater 84, Event note - meeting with Greenpeace 12 March 2020
12/03/2020	2020-B-06460	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
13/03/2020	2020-B-06487	Waikato Regional Council application to use the Streamlined Planning Process (Lake Taupo Catchment Overseer Plan Change) - Stage 2 decisions
13/03/2020	N/A	Slide Pack: Action for Healthy Waterways
13/03/2020	2020-B-06569	Essential Freshwater 85: Options for a nitrogen fertiliser cap

13/03/2020	N/A	Advice for meeting with NZ Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM)
13/03/2020	2020-B-06381	The Letter of Expectations to the Environmental Protection Authority 2020/21
16/03/2020	2020-B-06476	Special tribunal report for Te Waikoropupu Springs Water Conservation Order
17/03/2020	2020-B-06583	Meeting with the Minister for Māori Crown Relations and Associate Minister for the Environment
19/03/2020	2020-B-06525	Advice on options for climate change national direction and next steps on timeframes
20/03/2020	ENV006/415	Briefing to the Attorney-General - New Zealand Aluminium Smelter 20 March 2020
23/03/2020	2020-B-06509	PFAS – Ohakea Community Water Scheme Report Back
25/03/2020	2020-B-06469	National Policy Statement on Urban Development: Policy Recommendations Package
25/03/2020	2020-B-06469	Annex B: NPS-UD Recommendations Report
25/03/2020	2020-B-06469	Annex C: S32 analysis
25/03/2020	2020-B-06469	Annex D: NPS-UD cost benefit analysis
25/03/2020	2020-B-06469	Annex E: Draft NPS-UD
25/03/2020	2020-B-06469	Annex F: Ministers' foreword
25/03/2020	2020-B-06469	Annex G: Panel letter
25/03/2020	2020-B-06469	Annex H: Competitive margins analysis
27/03/2020	2020-B-06601	Draft Cabinet Paper on special legislation to fast track RMA approvals to support COVID-19 recovery
27/03/2020	2020-B-06601	1. 2020-C-06598 Draft Cabinet Paper: Supporting recovery from COVID-19
30/03/2020	N/A	Advice note on the processes enabled under Canterbury and Kaikōura legislation
30/03/2020	2020-B-06602	COVID-19 policy response advice and setting expectations for councils
30/03/2020	2020-C-06598	Supporting Recovery from COVID-19 Bill
30/03/2020	2020-B-06610	Letter of Expectations to the Environmental Protection Authority – Updates to reflect COVID-19
31/03/2020	2020-B-06619	Talking Points for Minister Parker's phone meeting with Hon. Marian Hobbs
1/04/2020	2020-B-06621	Revised draft Cabinet paper on supporting recovery from COVID-19 Bill
1/04/2020	2020-B-06621	1. 2020-C-06598 Draft Cabinet Paper: Supporting recovery from COVID-19 (Resource Management) Bill as at 1 April 2020
1/04/2020	2020-C-06457	Essential Freshwater - Decisions on National Direction and Regulations for Freshwater Management
1/04/2020	2020-B-06609	Essential Freshwater 86 Progressing multiple initiatives to address excessive nitrogen quickly

2/04/2020	AM20-0243	Opportunities for new initiatives or to repurpose existing work in PSLU programme to support COVID- 19 recovery
2/04/2020	2020-B-06615	Estimates 2020/21 and Supplementary Estimates 2019/20 and Delegations for Vote Environment Non-Departmental Appropriations
2/04/2020	2020-B-06604	Urban Growth Agenda Ministers' meeting 9 April
3/04/2020	2020-B-06574	Update on methyl bromide recapture requirement
3/04/2020	2020-B-06631	Talking points for Minister Parker and O'Connor for an update on Essential Freshwater at the Sustainable Land Use Ministers meeting on Monday 6 April 2020
3/04/2020	2020-B-06622	Sustainable Solvents, Ruakaka
6/04/2020	2020-B-06637	Draft advice on COVID-19 Policy Response matters 6 April 2020
7/04/2020	2020-B-06625	Resource Management Bill climate change amendments commencement dates
7/04/2020	2020-B-06633	Update on COVID-19 Policy Response 6 April
8/04/2020	2020-B-06636	Proactive release - Resource Management Amendment Bill Cabinet paper materials
9/04/2020	2020-B-06392	Porirua City Council application to use the Streamlined Planning Process (Plimmerton Farm Plan Change) – Stage 2 decisions
9/04/2020	N/A	Cover note to support meeting with MfE officials on Thursday 9 April 10:30am on special legislation to fast track RMA approvals
9/04/2020	2020-B-06640	Approval sought for Immediate Modification Orders and changes through the Omnibus Bill to modify RMA requirements due to COVID-19
9/04/2020	2020-B-06635	Aide Memoire: Christchurch development capacity and affordable housing
14/04/2020	2020-B-06650	Final draft Cabinet Paper – COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Bill
14/04/2020	2020-B-06645	COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Bill
15/04/2020	2020-B-06632	Science comparison across Freshwater Programmes: Our Freshwater 2020 and Essential Freshwater
15/04/2020	2020-B-06632/06433	Final Ministers Briefing Powerpoint
15/04/2020	2020-B-06632/06433	Our Freshwater Powerpoint
15/04/2020	2020-B-06632/06433	Our Freshwater media release
15/04/2020	2020-B-06433	Release of Our Freshwater 2020 report on 16 April 2020
15/04/2020	2020-B-06653	Talking Points Comprehensive review of the resource management system – Minister Parker April 2020
17/04/2020	2020-B-06659	Aide memoire: Waikato River Authority appointments

20/04/2020	N/A	Opportunities for new initiatives or to repurpose existing work in PSLU programme to support COVID- 19 recovery – combined advice from MfE, MPI and DOC
21/04/2020	N/A	Amendment to Notice of Accreditation under the Resource Management Act 1991
21/04/2020	2020-B-06669	Cabinet paper seeking temporary changes to the RMA through the Epidemic Preparedness Act powers
21/04/2020	2020-C-06666	Temporary changes to the Resource Management Act 1991 using the Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006
21/04/2020	2020-B-06651	Essential Freshwater 87: Role of Te Kahui Wai Maori post-April 2020
22/04/2020	2020-B-06677	Approval of FAQ for local government on delivering RMA services during COVID-19 alert levels
23/04/2020	2020-B-06656	Interactions between the NPS-UD and the NPS-HPL
23/04/2020	2020-C-06457	(Cabinet paper updated) - Action for healthy waterways
24/04/2020	2020-B-06664	Comprehensive review of the resource management system - COVID-19 context update and advice on additional economic input
24/04/2020	2020-C-06403	Waikato River Authority appointments 2020
24/04/2020	2020-B-06567	Waikato River Authority appointment process - fees review

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