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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 4 August 2020 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to request under the OIA a copy of Hutt City Council's submission on the proposed change to the national waste levy.

On 17 August, a member of the Executive Relations team clarified the scope of the request with you over the phone. You confirmed you were only interested in documents pertaining to Lower Hutt City Council.

The Ministry for the Environment has not received a submission from Lower Hutt City Council on the national waste levy.

Therefore, we are refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to refuse 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 at ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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