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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 5 August 2020 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Schedule of submissions received on the NPSIB; and*
2. *A copy of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated submission.*

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has uploaded a list of all the submissions it received during the consultation on the proposed National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB), to its website. This includes the submission from the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated. This information can be found on the Ministry's website at the following address: <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/consultations/nps-indigenous-biodiversity>

As a result your request for information is being refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available.

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



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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	13 March 2020	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand submission	Refused in full	S18(d)
2	14 March 2020	Schedule of submissions received on the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity.	Refused in full	S18(d)

Released under the provisions
of the Official Information Act 1982