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Thank you for your email on 17 November 2020 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Are you able to provide us with a copy of the following information in relation to Ryman's fast-track application for Kohimarama?*

- *A copy of the recommendation report that was provided by officials to the Minister for the Environment;*
- *A copy of the written comments received from Auckland Council on this fast-track application; and*
- *A copy of the correspondence from Russel McVeigh requesting information on this fast-track application by Ryman.*

The Ministry identified two documents in scope for the first two parts of your request:

- FTC#16 Applications for referred projects under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act - Stage 2 decision on; Application 2020-013 - Kohimarama Comprehensive Care Retirement Village, Auckland (20-B-07163 refers)
- RE: COVID 19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Kohimarama Comprehensive Care Retirement Village – Comments sought.

In line with section 25 of the Fast-track Consenting Act 2020, the Ministry will soon proactively release all application briefings to the Minister for the Environment (including the application documents and comments from local authorities) and cabinet papers.

This material is expected to be published on the Ministry website in the next three to five working weeks. Therefore, the first two parts of your request are refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information will soon be publicly available.

The Ministry has identified four documents in scope of the third part of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule:

Some information is redacted under section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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, under this Act.

You have the right to seek an 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 its website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry 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 Ministerial Services team: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

This response has been approved electronically by Keita Kohere

Keita Kohere  
**Director, Sustainable Land Use**

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**Schedule of documents for release**

<b>Document no.</b>	<b>Document date</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Decisions</b>	<b>OIA sections applied</b>
1	29 October 20	File note – phone call on Kohimarama application	Released in part	s9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
2	6 November 20	Email regarding Kohimarama application Email subject line: RE: referral application documents	Released in part	s9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
3	29 October 2020	Email regarding Kohimarama application Subject line: Fast Track Consenting - Referral Application documents	Released in part	s9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
4	3 November 2020	Email chain regarding Kohimarama application between requestor and Ministry Subject line: RE: Fast Track Consenting - Referral Application documents	Released in part	s9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons

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Filenote: Chat with s9(2)(a) from s9(2)(a)

29 October 2020

I missed a call from an unknown number. The voicemail requested a callback, I called s9(2)(a) back around 4.30/5pm on 29 October from my car.

s9(2)(a) asked if he could have the application form for the approved Kohimarama project (I can't remember the exact words he used to describe it). I said I would need to check with the applicant as I couldn't remember whether the form indicated we would release on request at the point this application came in. He indicated he wanted the form so he could see the level of detail within it as he was thinking of lodging an application for fast-track a client.

I told him I would go to the applicant and come back to him and asked him to follow me up with an email as I was driving and couldn't write it down. He sent a follow up email which I received at 5.11pm on 29 October.

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**To:** [Rebecca Perrett](mailto:Rebecca.Perrett@mfe.govt.nz)  
**Subject:** RE: Referral application documents  
**Date:** Friday, 6 November 2020 4:05:07 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thanks Rebecca – have a great weekend!

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**From:** Rebecca Perrett <[Rebecca.Perrett@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Rebecca.Perrett@mfe.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 November 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** Sara Clarke (Ministry for the Environment) <[sara.clarke@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:sara.clarke@mfe.govt.nz)>; Fast Track Consenting <[fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Referral application documents

Hi s9(2)(a)

We are in receipt of your email.

I have copied in the fast track consenting email for your request to be followed-up

In the meantime, my phone details are below if you had any further questions.

Kind regards  
Rebecca

**Rebecca Perrett – Senior Policy Analyst**

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 November 2020 2:17 pm  
**To:** Rebecca Perrett <[Rebecca.Perrett@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Rebecca.Perrett@mfe.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Sara Clarke <[Sara.Clarke@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Sara.Clarke@mfe.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Referral application documents

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Hi Rebecca

Thanks for your time on the phone yesterday – it was much appreciated. Are you please able to confirm that our requests for the referral application documents for:

- Northbrook Wanaka Retirement Village; and
- Kohimarama Comprehensive Care Retirement Village

Are being processed as Official Information Act requests?

We also make a further request for the following applications:

- Karori Comprehensive Care Retirement Village; and
- Park Terrace Comprehensive Care Retirement Village

Thanks very much

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**Subject:** Fast Track Consenting - Referral Application documents

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Sent: Tuesday, 3 November 2020 8:55 AM  
To: Sara Clarke <[Sara.Clarke@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Sara.Clarke@mfe.govt.nz)>  
Subject: RE: Fast Track Consenting - Referral Application documents

Great – thanks Sara

From: Sara Clarke <[Sara.Clarke@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Sara.Clarke@mfe.govt.nz)>  
Sent: Tuesday, 3 November 2020 8:53 AM  
s9(2)(a)  
Subject: Re: Fast Track Consenting - Referral Application documents

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I will need to check in with the applicant and will get them to you once I have

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From: s9(2)(a)  
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 8:43:03 AM  
To: Sara Clarke <[Sara.Clarke@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Sara.Clarke@mfe.govt.nz)>  
Subject: RE: Fast Track Consenting - Referral Application documents

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Hi Sara – if you could please also provide the application documents for the [redacted] Out of scope [redacted] as well, that would be great.

Cheers  
[redacted]


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