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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 21 December 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Could you please under the Official Information Act both mail and email copies of all documents as they are generated relating to the biodiversity strategy”

After failing to clarify the scope of the request with you (via an email on 13 January 2020 and two phone calls on 22 January 2020) we have interpreted your request to refer to the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy. This information is held by the Department of Conservation. The Ministry for the Environment has transferred this request to the Department of Conservation under section 14 of the Official Information Act on 28 January 2020.

In your email you also request:

“Could you please send in hardcopy to DTS Riddiford, Te Awaiti Station, Martinborough RD2 and as email (in chunks of limited size) a copy of the Biodiversity Strategy and the Related Documents:

Impact statement: Improving indigenous biodiversity management under the Resource Management Act (1991)

Section 32 evaluation and cost-benefit analysis for the proposed National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity

Cabinet paper: Public consultation on the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity

Biodiversity Collaborative Group’s draft National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity”

This part of your request has been completed and both hard copies and email copies have been sent to the addresses provided.

In your email you also request:

“Could you please note this letter as an initial submission that property rights matter since they ensure the free consent of all the governed and are a part of our constitution refer 1999 LLM paper Takings attached (google Riddiford and Takings) and the Supreme Court decision in *Waitakere v Estate Homes* [2006] para 45.”

The letter attached to your original email has been noted and will be analysed alongside other submissions on the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity.

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 their website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://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](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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