



7 May 2024

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Tēnā koe 9(2)a,

Thank you for your email of 8 April 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Kāore e kore, ka āraihia e koutou i ngā ingoa o taua pakihi. Erangi, ka ahei tonu te whakamohiomai:*

- *Āhea koutou ko ngā pakihi rā i tīmata te whakawhiti kōrero i runga i tēnei kaupapa?*
- *He aha te whānuitanga o aua kōrero? Arā:*
  - *Tokohia rā ngā pakihi kua whakī atu mō te kaupapa nei;*
  - *He aha ngā āhuratanga o aua whakawhitinga kōrero? (E hia ngā hui ā-kanohi, e hia ngā īmerā – te mea te mea – ki waenga i ngā pakihi rā)*

*Ehara i te mea, me whakamōhio mai te ngako o te kōrero – Erangi ki a mōhio mai, te whānuitanga o aua whakawhitinga kōrero.*

The Fast Track Approvals Bill (the Bill) is being considered by the Environment Committee after being introduced to Parliament on 7 March 2024. The Bill does not include any listed projects under Schedules 2A and 2B.

The Government has established a process for people to nominate projects for inclusion in the Bill. A group of independent experts (the Fast-track Advisory Group) will assess and make recommendations to Ministers on what projects are suitable for inclusion in the Bill. The selected projects from these recommendations will be added to the Bill later in the Parliamentary process.

A process for accepting nomination of projects for inclusion in the Bill was announced on 3 April 2024 and closed on 3 May 2024. Information about the process used can be found on the Ministry for the Environment's website, at: <https://consult.environment.govt.nz/resource-management/fast-track-consenting/>

The Ministry has not had any meetings with potential applicants regarding the projects to be included in the Bill. I can advise that we received one email directly from a potential applicant on 8 February 2024 (before the process for nomination of projects for inclusion in the Bill was established) expressing an interest in the nomination process.

On 19 April 2024, Minister Bishop released a list of organisations who received a letter from him about the Fast-track applications process. This was a courtesy letter which directed potential applicants to the Ministry's online application form. More information about this list and copies of the letters are available on the Beehive website at: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/minister-releases-fast-track-stakeholder-list>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision 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 Ministerial Services team: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Frame', written over a faint grey rectangular background.

**Stephanie Frame,**  
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