



4 February 2025

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 16 December 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

This is an OIA for all info relating to the development of AP 238, considerations as to what should be included in the paper, all agency comments on the paper, impact assessments etc. This also includes any discussions around when the paper should be released.

On 10 January 2025, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) contacted you to refine your request, as it is very broad and would likely capture thousands of documents potentially in scope. The time and effort required to both research and collate this material would be substantial, and it is unlikely the Ministry could complete this work in a reasonable timeframe.

The Ministry contacted you again on 16 and 21 January 2025, however, we have not received a response from you.

As the scope of your request has not changed, I am refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

You are welcome to submit a new, more specific request if you wish. As noted in our first email to you, your request could be refined by including a timeframe, by providing further context on the matters you are most interested in, or by excluding certain types of information, such as email correspondence.

The Ministry for the Environment has proactively released a significant amount of material regarding the Fast-track Approvals Act which may of interest to you. This material can be found here: environment.govt.nz/acts-and-regulations/acts/fast-track-approvals/ and environment.govt.nz/acts-and-regulations/acts/fast-track-approvals/fast-track-approvals-process/.

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.

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.

Yours sincerely

Electronically approved by Jo Gascoigne

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