



13 February 2025

OIAD-1443

s 9(2)(a)

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 3 December 2025 to the Minister of Climate Change, Hon Simon Watts, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

BRF-5284
BRF-5251
BRF-5217
BRF-5138
BRF-5253
BRF-5025
BRF-5254
BRF-5004
CAB-463

On 9 January 2025, the part of your request for *[Draft] BRF-5253 NZ ETS and the final ERP2* (the document) was transferred to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) under section 14 of the Act. The title was never sent to the Minister's Office but may have been erroneously captured in a previous request for titles provided to the Minister's Office.

This document is being released to you in part, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation.
- 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege.

Additionally, the Appendix of the document is being withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation.

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.

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 Rebecca Clements

Rebecca Clements
Manager – Sector Policy & Finance
Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao