



13 February 2025

OIAD-1445

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 10 January 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Under the Official Information Act I would like to request, all materials pertaining to Silver Fern Farms Limited and/or Dan Boulton:

- *All reports, documents, or material relating to wastewater discharge into coastal marine areas*
- *All complaints relating to the company's discharge into coastal marine areas*
- *All correspondence with Tangata Whenua relating to Silver Fern Farms Limited.*

The Ministry for the Environment has identified one email in scope of your request, which is being released to you in part. Some information within this email has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act 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.

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 Fiona Newlove

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