



21 March 2025

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Thank you for your emails of 24 February 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Can you please provide a summary of any submissions received from Napier City Council in relation to the draft NPS. I realize this NPS is now in force, my application is to review the content of any submissions to guide my submission on the plan review currently underway in Napier.*
2. *Can you please provide summary information for any submissions received from Local Government NZ in relation to the draft NPSIB. I am interested in what submissions may have been made on behalf of Napier CC for this PS.*

Please note that the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has addressed your two requests for information within this response.

The Ministry has identified four documents in scope of your request, as listed in the below document schedule. I am releasing *Napier City Council submission on Draft Exposure National Policy Statement: Indigenous Biodiversity* to you in full.

I am refusing the three remaining documents in full under section 18(d) of the Act, as these documents are publicly available:

1. *Joint submission from Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Napier City Council, Central Hawke's Bay District Council and Hastings District Council*
<https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Submissions/March-2020-Joint-Submission-HBRC-HDC-CHBDC-NCC-on-Proposed-National-Policy-Statement-for-Indigenous-Biodiversity.pdf>
2. *Local Government New Zealand Submission on the NPS for Indigenous Biodiversity*
<https://www.lgnz.co.nz/policy-advocacy/submissions--policy-work/submissions/submission-on-the-nps-for-indigenous-biodiversity/>
3. *Joint LGNZ and Taituarā submission on the draft 2022 NPSIB*
<https://www.lgnz.co.nz/policy-advocacy/submissions--policy-work/submissions/joint-lgnz-and-taituara-submission-on-the-draft-2022-npsib/>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision, 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.

Nāku noa, nā

Electronically approved by Hayden Johnston

Hayden Johnston

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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	July 2022	Napier City Council submission on Draft Exposure National Policy Statement: Indigenous Biodiversity	Released in full	N/A
2	13 March 2020	Joint submission from Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Napier City Council, Central Hawke's Bay District Council and Hastings District Council	Refused in full	18(d) Publicly available at: https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Submissions/March-2020-Joint-Submission-HBRC-HDC-CHBDC-NCC-on-Proposed-National-Policy-Statement-for-Indigenous-Biodiversity.pdf
3	17 March 2020	Local Government New Zealand Submission on the NPS for Indigenous Biodiversity	Refused in full	18(d) Publicly available at: https://www.lgnz.co.nz/policy-advocacy/submissions--policy-work/submissions/submission-on-the-nps-for-indigenous-biodiversity/
4	21 July 2022	Joint LGNZ and Taituarā submission on the draft 2022 NPSIB	Refused in full	18(d) Publicly available at: https://www.lgnz.co.nz/policy-advocacy/submissions--policy-work/submissions/joint-lgnz-and-taituara-submission-on-the-draft-2022-npsib/