



OIAD-1536

29 April 2025

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 27 March 2025 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I request the following information under the Official Information Act: - MfE's protocol to manage NZ ETS market sensitive announcements and releases.*

The Ministry has identified one document in scope of your request titled 'Core Components of Protocol for New Zealand Carbon Unit (NZU) Market Sensitive Information', that was recently considered by Cabinet (attached as an Appendix to the Emissions Trading Scheme Market Governance paper).

Therefore, I am refusing this document under section 18(d) of the Act as the information will soon be publicly available. It will be proactively released and available on the Ministry's website by the end of May 2025. Please note that some information within this document may be withheld under section 9 of the Act.

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).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Baas'.

**Susan Baas**

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