



22 May 2025

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 1 May 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Copies of any correspondence (including briefings and presentations received, and meeting notes) and records of any meetings (including notes or minutes) in relation to the fast-track Klondyke Storage proposal between the Ministry for the Environment and:*
 - o Mid Canterbury Water Storage Limited (MCWS), and/or
 - o Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Limited (ALI), and/or
 - o MHV Water Limited (MHV), and/or o Irrigation NZ, and/or
 - o Rangitata Diversion Race Management Limited, and/or
 - o Manawa Energy Limited, and/or
 - o Ashburton District Council, and/or o Environment Canterbury, and/or
 - o Kānoa / the Regional Infrastructure Fund (MPI)
 - o The EPA
- *Copies of any reports, analyses, or briefings prepared internally (or by consultants) at/for the Ministry for the Environment in relation to the fast-track Klondyke Storage proposal. For the avoidance of doubt, should any document in part be covered by this request, the request includes the document in its entirety.*

I am refusing the point of your request for correspondence under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

I am refusing the remainder of the request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the requested information is publicly available at the following links:

- <https://environment.govt.nz/acts-and-regulations/acts/fast-track-approvals/fast-track-projects/klondyke-storage/>
- <https://environment.govt.nz/assets/acts-and-regulations/acts-and-bills/fast-track-projects-advisory-group-report-to-ministers-redacted.pdf>

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.

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 Stephanie Frame

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