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17 September 2024

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Thank you for your email of 20 August 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Are there any discussion documents, regulatory impact statements, ministerial briefings etc. in support of the changes to the NPS-HPL notified on the 16th August? Anything that sheds light on MfE and/or Ministerial intent.

The Ministry has identified nine documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached table. Two documents have been released to you in full.

Seven documents have been refused in full under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available. Five of the documents are already available and we have provided links in the attached document table. Two of the documents are expected to be proactively released in mid-October 2024.

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.

Nāku noa, nā,

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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	September 2023	Managing the use and development of highly productive land – Potential amendments to the NPS-HPL: Discussion Document	Refused in full.	18(d)
2	23 August 2022	Interim Regulatory Impact Statement: Potential amendments to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL)	Refused in full.	18(d)
3	21 May 2024	Final Regulatory Impact Statement: Potential amendments to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL)	Refused in full.	18(d)
4	22 August 2024	Evaluation report under section 32 of the Resource Management Act 1991	Refused in full.	18(d)
5	19 August 2024	Report on submissions and recommendations	Refused in full.	18(d)
6	24 July 2024	Cabinet package (part of proactive release)	Refused in full.	18(d)
7	26 October 2023	Cabinet Package: National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land: Release of Discussion Document on Potential Amendments	Refused in full.	18(d)
8	25 July 2023	BRF-3292 Public consultation on potential amendments to the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land	Released in full.	N/A
9	10 March 2023	BRF-2841 Details on s46A process to amend the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL)	Released in full.	N/A