



24 September 2024

Maureen Pugh
MP for West Coast-Tasman

9(2)(a)

Dear Maureen,

Thank you for your email of 28 August 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Our office has been contacted by 9(2)(a) who wrote to the Ministry of Environment on 24 November 2023 but informs me that he has not received the answers to the questions he requested. Please find attached a copy of his original letter sent to the Ministry of Environment. 9(2)(a) is seeking answers to two questions which can be sent to me to pass on to 9(2)(a) :

1) Is the private Taylorville resource park consented landfill national registered audited and paying the required waste levy

2) Are any of our consented private landfills on the West Coast Greymouth registered (national register) and annual audited

Would you please also send to me the results of any test results around the vicinity of the Taylorville Resource Park clean fill site, and any other demolition waste disposal facilities in the Grey district.

I respond to each part of your request below.

1) Is the private Taylorville resource park consented landfill national registered audited and paying the required waste levy

The Taylorville Resource Park is registered as a Disposal Facility under section 7 of the Waste Minimisation Act (WMA) 2008. The facility is paying waste levy, as required under section 26 of the WMA. This facility, in addition to all other registered disposal facilities on the West Coast, are audited under the WMA every 2 – 3 years.

2) Are any of our consented private landfills on the West Coast Greymouth registered (national register) and annual audited

We currently have 14 disposal facilities registered on the West Coast, and these facilities are audited under the WMA every 2-3 years. We have recently released a waste data dashboard, which provides information on the class of facility registered and the number of all registered facilities for each region: [Waste statistics | Ministry for the Environment](#)

Would you please also send to me the results of any test results around the vicinity of the Taylorville Resource Park clean fill site, and any other demolition waste disposal facilities in the Grey district.

I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

The Ministry does not conduct testing on disposal facilities and does not hold any information on test results. Under the Resource Management Act 1991, the consenting authority (local or regional council) monitors consent conditions and would hold information on any test results they have received from consent holders or from testing undertaken themselves.

The Ministry also searched its information systems and found no record of receiving the correspondence from **9(2)(a)**.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my response 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



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