Ministry for the Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

1 August 2025

OIAD-1637

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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 12 June 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

> *Under the Official Information Act 1982, please provide records of any conversations, including meeting notes, phone calls, emails, briefing notes, minutes and other correspondence between Meridian Energy Ltd and both MfE and MBIE (officials and ministers they report to) in relation to the proposed changes to the NPS-Renewable Energy Generation 2011 and Package 1:Infrastructure and development, which were released for public consultation on 29 May 2025. Happy to provide any clarification if that would be helpful.*

On 24 June 2025, the Ministry wrote to you by email to advise that the part of the request referring to records held by Ministers which both the Ministry and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment report to, was transferred to the Offices of Hon Chris Bishop (Minister Responsible for RMA Reform), and Hon Simon Watts (Minister for Energy).

On 7 July 2025, the Ministry wrote to you to advise that the timeframe for providing a response to this request had been extended by 15 working days in accordance with sections 15A(1)(a) and 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as the request necessitated a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the department, and as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request were such that a proper response could not reasonably be made within the original timeframe.

On 15 July 2025, the Ministry wrote to you to seek refinement of your request. You agreed to refine your request to exclude administrative emails such as meeting apologies, updated meeting links, and forwarding of meeting invites.

I have identified 45 documents in scope of your request, as listed in the document schedule below.

I am releasing 28 documents to you in full. I am releasing a further 17 documents to you in part, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. Some information within these documents has also been redacted as out of scope of this request.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of information in this request is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information shortly after the response has been sent on our website at: https://environment.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act-requests/. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team at: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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Document schedule

#	Date	Title	Decision	Grounds	Link/Notes
1	2 February 2024	2 Feb 2024 - NPS REG_ET re_ Meeting 24 January 2024 and email 26 January 2024.pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
2	2 February 2024	2 Feb 2024 - Attachment to NPS REGET re Meeting 24 January 2024 and email 26 January 2024_Letter - Ministry of Business Innovation 011112 Final.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
3	5 February 2024	5 Feb 2024 - RE_ NPS REG_ET re_ Meeting 24 January 2024 and email 26 January 2024 _ RELEASE-EXTERNAL_.msg PDF.pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
4	5 February 2024	5 Feb 2024 - Attachment to RE_ NPS REG_ET re_ Meeting 24 January 2024 and email 26 January 2024 _ RELEASE-EXTERNAL_.msg EMH Proposal.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
5	5 February 2024	5 Feb 2024 - Attachment to RE_ NPS REG_ET re_ Meeting 24 January 2024 and email 26 January 2024 _ RELEASE-EXTERNAL_.msg Proposed NPS-REG 2024 Policy wording.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
6	22 March 2024	22 March 2024 - Email D. Brown - papers for ESEG workshop next Tuesday (resending) - please note info below on nature of this material.pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
7	22 March 2024	22 March 2024 - Attachment to Email D. Brown 22.03.24 - papers for ESEG workshop next Tuesday (resending) - please note info below on nature of this material 240321 - Memo for ESEG workshop_final.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
8	22 March 2024	22 March 2024 - Attachment to Email D. Brown 22.03.24 - papers for ESEG workshop next Tuesday (resending) - Attachment A_240321 - ESEG proposal - Elements of the Proposed Effects Management Hierarchy.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
9	5 April 2024	5 April 2024 - Second Bill - Targeted changes to the RMA.pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
10	5 April 2024	5 April 2024 - Attachment to Second Bill - Targeted changes to the RMA_Letter - Hon Chris Bishop 050424 - ESEG.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
11	23 April 2024	23 April 2024 - Proposed NPS-REG 2024 Policy wording.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A

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12	23 April 2024	23 April 2024 - Proposed NPS-REG 2024 Policy wording 23.04.24 CLEAN.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
13	24 April 2024	24 April 2024 - Table - Effects Management Framework - Final Draft.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
14	24 June 2024	24 June 2024 - ESEG Agenda - 24 June.pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
15	24 June 2024	24 June 2024 - Attachment to ESEG Agenda - 24 June.pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
16	5 August 2024	5 Aug 2024 - Email D. Brown - paper for ESEG meeting.pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
17	5 August 2024	5 Aug 2024 - Attachment to Email D. Brown - paper for ESEG meeting 05.08.24 - 240806 - Memo for ESEG.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
18	22 August 2024	22 Aug 2024 - Email H. Tapper - ESEG Feedback on RM Reform & NPS REG Paper.pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
19	22 August 2024	22 Aug 2024 - Attachment to Email H. Tapper - 22.08.24 - ESEG Feedback on RM Reform & NPS REG Paper- ESEG Memorandum 22 Aug 2024 RM Reform and NPS REG.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
20	22 August 2024	22 Aug 2024 - ESEG Feedback on RM Reform & NPS REG Paper.pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
21	22 August 2024	22 Aug 2024 - Attachment to ESEG Feedback on RM Reform & NPS REG Paper - Memorandum 22 Aug 2024 RM Reform and NPS.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
22	12 September 2024	12 Sept 2024 - RE_ [EXTERNAL] further workshop on NPS-REG options.pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
23	22 September 2024	22 Sept 2024 - ESEG Feedback on draft NPS-Inf.pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
24	22 September 2024	22 Sept 2024 - Attachment to ESEG Feedback on draft NPS-Inf - ESEG Memorandum 17 Sept 2024 NPS Infrastructur.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
25	22 September 2024	22 Sept 2024 - Attachment to ESEG Feedback on draft NPS-Inf - ESEG Memorandum 22 Aug 2024 RM Reform and NPS.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
26	22 September 2024	22 Sept 2024 - Attachment to ESEG Feedback on draft NPS-Inf - Letter - Hon Chris Bishop 050424 - ESEG.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A

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27	24 September 2024	24 Sept 2024 - Agenda_ meeting with ESEG on NPS-REG options _UNCLASSIFIED_.msg PDF.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
28	26 September 2024	26 Sept 2024 - organising follow up meeting with ESEG on NPS-REG options (diaries permitting) [UNCLASSIFIED].pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
29	30 September 2024	30 Sept 2024 - RE_ [EXTERNAL] follow up meeting on NPS REG [UNCLASSIFIED].pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
30	30 September 2024	30 Sept 2024 - Agenda - follow up meeting on NPS REG _UNCLASSIFIED_.msg PDF.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
31	1 October 2024	1 Oct 2024 - 26 Sept and 1 Oct ESEG - meeting notes.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
32	22 October 2024	22 Oct 2024 - follow up questions on NPS-REG work _UNCLASSIFIED_.msg PDF.pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
33	13 November 2024	13 Nov 2024 - ESEG NPS-REG.pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
34	13 November 2024	13 Nov 2024 - Attachment to ESEG NPS - REG - ESEG NPS-REG Memorandum 171024.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
35	13 November 2024	13 Nov 2024 - Attachment to ESEG NPS-REG - ESEG Proposed NPS-REG 2024 Policy wording.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
36	25 November 2024	25 Nov 2024 - RE_ NPSREG and RM3 [UNCLASSIFIED].pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
37	25 November 2024	25 Nov 2024 - Attachment to RE NPSREG and RM3 [UNCLASSIFIED] - paper for ESEG meeting 26-11-24.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
38	26 November 2024	26 Nov 2024 - ESEG meeting minutes.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
39	10 December 2024	10 Dec 2024 - RE_ NPSREG and RM3_ RELEASE-EXTERNAL_.msg PDF.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
40	10 December 2024	10 Dec 2024 - Attachment to RE_ NPSREG and RM3 _ RELEASE-EXTERNAL_.msg - November 2024 - ESEG meeting minutes.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
41	8 May 2025	8 May 2025 - FW_ Electricity Sector - NPS - REG.pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

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42	8 May 2025	8 May 2025 - Attachment to FW_Electricity Sector - NPS - REG _ ESEG Proposed NPS-REG 2025 - 7 May 2025 Final.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
43	8 May 2025	8 May 2025 - Attachment to FW_Electricity Sector - NPS - REG_ Letter - Hon Chris Bishop 070525 - Final.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A
44	13 May 2025	13 May 2025 - RE_ [EXTERNAL] catch up on NPS-REG revised drafting [UNCLASSIFIED](1).pdf	Released in part	9(2)(a)	The public interest in this material does not outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.
45	13 May 2025	13 May 2025 - Attachment to RE [EXTERNAL] catch up on NPS-REG revised drafting [UNCLASSIFIED]_National Policy Statement Reform - Position Paper.pdf	Released in full	N/A	N/A