



1 August 2025

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 4 July 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

With regard to the Southland Wind Farm fast track consent project, under the Official Information Act, can you please provide all correspondence you have that is associated with Ngai Tahu, Te Ao Marama Incorporated or Hokonui Runanga. In particular, I am interested in reviewing information (letters) provided by their legal or planning representation.

I have identified three documents in scope of your request, as listed in the document schedule below. I am releasing all three documents to you in full.

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.

Yours sincerely

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Document schedule

#	Date	Title	Decision	Grounds
1	1/4/2025	Attachment 5 - Letter from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu.pdf	Released in full	NA
2	9/5/2025	FTAA-2504-1041 Southland Windfarm Slopedown FT Referral Comments - Te Ao Mārama Inc..pdf	Released in full	NA
3	22/5/2025	FTAA-2504-1041 Southland Wind Farm - Hokonui Rūnanga Fast Track Referral Comments.pdf	Released in full	NA