



25 August 2025

OIAD-1701

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Dear 9(2)(a)

I refer to your email of 15 July 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI):

Under the OIA I request copies of the documents referenced in 32451 (2025). 2 Where a document that falls under the scope of this request cannot be released, please supply a summary of that document's contents and its titles.

On 28 July 2025, MPI partially transferred your request to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) under section 14 of the Act, because some of the information you are seeking is more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry.

I have identified one document in scope of your request, titled “BRF-6151 – Replacing the RMA – Coastal Marine Area”, which I am withholding in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials

You may be interested to note that this briefing seeks decisions required to manage the coastal marine area (CMA) in the new resource management system.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of information in-scope of 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.

Your sincerely

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