Ministry for the Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

19 September 2025

OIAD-1730

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 24 August 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

> *Pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, and in relation to the Waipiro Bay Marina application under the Fast Track process, we request the following: Waipiro Bay Marina (Stage One Referral):*
> *• All submissions by impacted landowners, hapū iwi, councils and other stakeholders*
> *• All communications, evaluation, reports received, correspondence (written email and other, text messages, social media), Ministerial, Cabinet Papers Fast Track Referrals*
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> *(Substantive Process): In relation to Waipiro Bay Marina and the now substantive process, we ask for all information on the following:*
> *• All briefs, reports, correspondence, modelling, flow charts, guidance, terms of reference, candidate profiles, discussion documents relating to the Independent Panels process AND any and all panel information relating to Waipiro Bay Marina*
> *• We request information on appointment of independent panel members and how Councils and Iwi Māori have input/ influence into the process and what competencies are required*

Regarding the first part of your request, which pertains to the Stage One Referral, I am refusing this portion of your request in full under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information in-scope is publicly available, here: https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/waipiro-marina

Regarding the second part of your request, which relates to the Substantive Process, I am refusing this portion under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist. You may be interested to note that, as indicated on the website, the application has been referred by the Minister for Infrastructure, and the applicant may choose to seek substantive consent through the Environmental Protection Authority (the EPA) and an Expert Panel.

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

Electronically approved by Stephanie Frame

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