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National Affairs Editor, The Post/Sunday Star-Times
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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a),

Thank you for your email of 2 February 2026 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

For clarity, I am seeking copies of submissions made during the NES-CF consultation by the following forestry organisations and entities:

- *New Zealand Forest Owners Association (FOA)*
- *Forest Industry Contractors Association (FICA)*
- *Eastland Wood Council (EWC)*
- *Forest Industry Engineering Association (FIEA)*
- *New Zealand Farm Forestry Association (NZFFA)*
- *Any individual forestry companies or corporate forestry entities that made submissions on the proposed amendments.*

I have identified 32 submissions in scope of your request, as listed in the document schedule below.

I am releasing 24 submissions to you in full.

I am releasing eight submissions to you in part, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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.

I am refusing your request for individual submissions made by *Forest Industry Contractors Association (FICA)*, *Eastland Wood Council (EWC)*, *Forest Industry Engineering Association (FIEA)* and *New Zealand Farm Forestry Association (NZFFA)* under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Gascoigne', written over a horizontal line.

Jo Gascoigne

General Manager – RMA Operations
Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Document schedule

#	Submitter	Decision	Grounds
1	New Zealand Forest Owners Association	Released in full	None
2	Aratu Forests Limited	Released in full	None
3	City Forests Limited and Wenita Forest Products Limited	Released in part	9(2)(a)
4	CNI Iwi Land Management Limited	Released in part	9(2)(a)
5	Ernslaw One Limited	Released in part	9(2)(a)
6	Forest Enterprises Growth Limited	Released in full	None
7	Forest Management NZ	Released in part	9(2)(a)
8	Iarau Ltd	Released in full	None
9	Juken New Zealand Ltd	Released in full	None
10	Matariki Forests	Released in full	None
11	Nāti Growth Limited	Released in part	9(2)(a)
12	New Forests	Released in full	None
13	The Board of Ngā Pou a Tāne, the National Māori Forestry Association	Released in full	None
14	Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust	Released in full	None
15	Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated	Released in full	None
16	NZ FSC Standard Development Group	Released in full	None
17	New Zealand Institute of Forestry	Released in full	None
18	NZFM (2022) Limited Partnership, trading as NZ Forest Managers	Released in full	None
19	OneFortyOne New Zealand Ltd	Released in full	None
20	Parininihi ki Waitōtara Incorporation	Released in full	None
21	PF Olsen	Released in full	None
22	Summit Forests New Zealand Limited	Released in part	9(2)(a)
23	Te Kaahui o Rauru	Released in part	9(2)(a)
24	Te Tauihu o Te Waka-a-Māui	Released in full	None
25	The Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ)	Released in full	None
26	Timberlands Ltd	Released in part	9(2)(a)
27	Tomorrow's Forests Ltd	Released in full	None
28	Top of the South Wood Council	Released in full	None
29	Forever Forests and Forest Management Group Ltd	Released in full	None
30	Log Marketing NZ Ltd	Released in full	None
31	Pan Pac Forest Products Ltd	Released in full	None
32	Tasman Pine Forests Ltd	Released in full	None