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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a) [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 9 February 2026 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

*All climate adaptation proposals or plans that your department has received from local governments, since 27 November 2023.*

*All climate resilience proposals or plans that your department has received from local governments, since 27 November 2023.*

I have identified eight proposals and plans in scope of your request, as listed in the document schedule below.

I am releasing one to you in full.

I am releasing seven to you in part, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
- 18(d) as the information is already publicly available.

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.

Please note that there is no legislative requirement for adaptation or resilience plans to be sent to the Ministry. The Ministry also maintains a list of published and developing adaptation plans and projects by local government, identified through its own research

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](http://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](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lorena Stephen'.

**Lorena Stephen**

General Manager – Partnerships and Investment  
Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

**Document schedule**

#	Date	Council	Title	Decision	Grounds	Links
1	30-11-23	Environment Southland	Bluecliffs Beach Road Historic Dump Site (Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund)	Released in part	9(2)(a)	
2	28-03-24	Otago Regional Council	Kettle Park Coastal Landfill (Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund)	Released in part	9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii)	
3	03-04-24	Greater Wellington Regional Council	Te Raekaihau Point Landfill Remediation (Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund)	Released in part	9(2)(a)	
4	21-06-24	Nelson City Council	Tāhunanui Back Beach (Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund)	Released in part	9(2)(a)	
5	24-07-24	Environment Canterbury and Timaru District Council	Peel Forest Closed Landfill Site (Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund)	Released in part	9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii)	
6	13-03-25	Dunedin City Council	South Dunedin Futures – Material to support the development of the SDF Climate Adaptation Plan.	Released in part	9(2)(a), 18(d)	<a href="https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/council-projects/south-dunedin-future">https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/council-projects/south-dunedin-future</a> <a href="https://www.orc.govt.nz/your-council/latest-news/news/2025/march/seven-possible-futures-revealed-to-meet-south-dunedin-s-flooding-challenges/">https://www.orc.govt.nz/your-council/latest-news/news/2025/march/seven-possible-futures-revealed-to-meet-south-dunedin-s-flooding-challenges/</a>
7	2025	Central Otago District Council	St. Bathans Closed Landfill (Contaminated Sites and Vulnerable Landfills Fund)	Released in full		
8	2025	Environment Southland and Southland District Council	Southland Closed Landfill package (Contaminated Sites and Vulnerable Landfills Fund)	Released in part	9(2)(a)	