



10 April 2024

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Tēnā koe 9(2)a,

Thank you for your email of 11 March 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I am writing to request any available information relating to climate change policy and issues relating to disability and disabled people that has not already been released under proactive release.*

*Specifically, I request any information or documents relating to climate change policy and disability or disabled people from 2010-2024. Specifically:*

- Any briefing documents, reports or communications, not already released, that mention disability or disabled people in relation to climate policy, including but not limited to, the National Adaptation Plan, the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act, the Emissions Reduction Plan, Just Transition plans and reports, Climate Change Adaptation and Risk assessments, the Climate Change Commission, and work on the draft Climate Change Adaptation Act or related policy development for managed retreat and community relocation.*
- Any available information relating to consultation or engagement with the disability community for the National Adaptation Plan, Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act, the Emissions Reduction Plan, Just Transition plans and reports, Climate Change Adaptation and Risk assessments, the Climate Change Commission, and work on the draft Climate Change Adaptation Act or related policy development for managed retreat and community relocation.*
- Any available information relating to consultation or engagement with Whaikaha Ministry of Disabled People for the National Adaptation Plan, the Emissions Reduction Plan, the Climate Change Commission, and work on the draft Climate Change Adaptation Act or related policy development for managed retreat and community relocation.*

The Ministry does not hold any:

- unreleased information that mentions disabilities or disabled people in relation to climate policy or consultation or engagement with the disability community for climate policy development; or
- information relating to consultation or engagement with Whaikaha Ministry of Disabled People regarding the policy development for managed retreat and community relocation.

I must therefore refuse your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the Ministry does not hold the requested information and I have no grounds to believe it is either held by or more closely connected with the functions of another department.



The following are links to information that the Ministry has published on climate policy and disabled people:

- [Climate change and disabled people | Ministry for the Environment](#)
- [Creating a greener future for everyone | Ministry for the Environment](#)
- [National-adaptation-plan-Summary-of-submissions.pdf \(environment.govt.nz\)](#).

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 on their website 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 on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Corbett'.

**Emma Corbett**

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