



18 April 2024

OIAD-1016

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Tēnā koe 9(2)a ,

Thank you for your email of 19 March 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Could I please request the following material, as noted in a response to written question Reply 1851 (2024):*

- *BRF-4029 Establishing a three-year work programme for improvements to the resource management system 19/02/2024*
- *BRF-4222 Meeting with Canterbury Regional Council 26/02/2024*
- *BRF-4306 Fast-Track Consenting Bill - Inclusion of Listed Projects 26/02/2024*
- *BRF-4307 Fast-track consenting delegated decisions 26/02/2024*
- *BRF-4298 Extending the Ministerial direction on Otago Regional Councils freshwater plan until 2027 29/02/2024*
- *PCE: Estimate of Environmental Expenditure 2023-24 13/02/2024*
- *LTNZ: Addressing land acquisition challenges under the Public Works Act 1981 27/02/2024*

On 28 March 2024, the Ministry notified you that we had transferred the part of your request for “LTNZ: Addressing land acquisition challenges under the Public Works Act 1981 27/02/2024” to Land Information New Zealand under section 14 of the Act as we believe that it holds this information.

The document schedule attached details my specific decisions in respect of each of the documents you have requested.

I am releasing one document to you in full, as per the attached document schedule.

I am releasing one document to you with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 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; and
- 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials; and
- 9(2)(h) – to maintain legal professional privilege.

I am withholding one document in full under the following sections of the Act:

- 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; and
- 9(2)(h) – to maintain legal professional privilege.

I am withholding one document in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

Pursuant to section 18(d), I am refusing two documents in full as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information 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 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 for the Environment 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,



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### Document schedule

Doc no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	19/02/2024	BRF-4029 Establishing a three-year work programme for improvements to the resource management system	Withheld in full	9(2)(f)(iv)
2	26/02/2024	BRF-4222 Meeting with Canterbury Regional Council	Released in full	N/A
3	26/02/2024	BRF-4306 Fast-Track Consenting Bill - Inclusion of Listed Projects	Withheld in full	9(2)(b)(ii); 9(2)(h)
4	26/02/2024	BRF-4307 Fast-track consenting delegated decisions 26/02/2024	Refused in full	18(d)
5	29/02/2024	BRF-4298 Extending the Ministerial direction on Otago Regional Councils freshwater plan until 2027	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv); 9(2)(h)
6	13/02/2024	PCE: Estimate of Environmental Expenditure 2023-24	Refused in full	18(d): the document is publicly available <a href="#">here</a> .