



29 April 2024

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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your emails of 27 March 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I write to please request a digital copy of the document BRF-4306 Fast-Track Consenting Bill - Inclusion of Listed Projects, identified as being received by the Office of the Minister for the Environment on 26 February 2024 in response to written parliamentary questions 2334, 2361, 2628 and 2757.*

*I write to please request a digital copy of the document BRF-4135 Example Freshwater Farm Plan, identified as being received by the Office of the Minister for the Environment on 19 February 2024 in response to written parliamentary questions 2334, 2361, 2628 and 2757.*

*I write to please request a digital copy of the document BRF-4323 - Draft cabinet paper for first Resource Management Act 1991 amendment bill, identified as being received by the Office of the Minister for RMA Reform on 13 March 2024 in response to written parliamentary question 3240. Correction: this request relates to the document above received by the Office of the Minister for RMA Reform on 8 March 2024 as identified in response to written parliamentary question 3240 (2024).*

*I write to please request a digital copy of the document BRF-4418 - Further advice on the waste levy, identified as being received by the Office of the Minister for RMA Reform on 11 March 2024 in response to written parliamentary question 3240 (2024).*

As listed in the attached document schedule, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) is releasing the following document in part, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials:

- *'BRF-4135 Example Freshwater Farm Plan'*

The Ministry is releasing the following document in full:

- *'BRF-4135 – Appendix 1 Example Freshwater Farm Plan'*

The Ministry is withholding the following document in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials:

- *'BRF-4418 – Further advice on the waste levy'*

The Ministry is withholding the following documents in full under section 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 under section 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege.

- *'BRF-4306 Fast-Track Consenting Bill – Inclusion of Listed Projects'*
- *'BRF-4306 – Appendix 1 – Projects nominated by Ministers for Category A'*
- *'BRF-4306 – Appendix 2 – Projects nominated by Ministers for Category B'*

The Ministry is refusing the following documents under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is soon to be publicly available:

- *'BRF-4323 – Draft cabinet paper for first Resource Management Act 1991 amendment bill'*
- *'BRF-4323 – Appendix 1 CAB-395 Draft Cabinet paper'*

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 (the Office) of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Office's 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,



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### Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	26 January 2024	BRF-4135 – Example Freshwater Farm Plan	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv)
1.1	26 January 2024	BRF-4135 – Appendix 1 Example Freshwater Farm Plan	Released in full	N/A
2	26 February 2024	BRF-4306 – Fast-Track Consenting Bill - Inclusion of Listed Projects	Withheld in full	9(2)(b)(ii); 9(2)(h)
2.1	26 February 2024	BRF-4306 – Appendix 1 – Projects nominated by Ministers for Category A	Withheld in full	9(2)(b)(ii); 9(2)(h)
2.2	26 February 2024	BRF-4306 – Appendix 2 – Appendix 2 – Projects nominated by Ministers for Category B	Withheld in full	9(2)(b)(ii); 9(2)(h)
3	8 March 2024	BRF-4323 – Draft cabinet paper for first Resource Management Act 1991 amendment bill	Refused	18(d)
3.1	8 March 2024	BRF-4323 – Appendix 1 CAB-395 Draft Cabinet paper	Refused	18(d)
4	11 March 2024	BRF-4418 – Further advice on the waste levy	Withheld in full	9(2)(f)(iv)