



7 May 2024

OIAD-1040

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Tēnā koe 9(2)a ,

Thank you for your email of 8 April 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- all advice, briefings and reports to Ministers related to the creation of the Kermadecs Ocean Sanctuary received or prepared since 01/11/23.
- all correspondence to/from from Te Ohu Kaimoana on the creation of the Kermadecs Ocean Sanctuary since 01/11.
- all correspondence to/from any iwiw/hapu related to the creation of the Kermadecs Ocean Sanctuary since 01/11.

The Ministry has identified ten documents in scope of your request. I am releasing three documents to you in full, as per the attached document schedule.

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

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- 9(2)(h) – to maintain legal professional privilege; and
- 18(d) – the information requested 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.

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.

Nāku noa, nā,

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Document schedule

Doc no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	11/12/2023	Draft letter to Leader of the House	Released in full	N/A
2	13/12/2023	BRF-3990 - Advice on retention or discharge of the Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary Bill	Released in part	9(2)(h)
3	18/12/2023	Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary Bill – Talking points	Released in full	N/A
4	21/12/2023	20231221 Letter to Ngāti Kuri	Released in part	9(2)(a)
5	21/12/2023	20231221 Letter to Te Aupōuri	Released in part	9(2)(a)
6	21/12/2023	20231221 Letter to Te Ohu Kaimoana	Released in part	9(2)(a)
7	21/12/2023	Letter to Hon Penny Simmonds - Minister for the Environment	Released in full	N/A
8	22/01/2024	22 January letter from Harry Burkhardt, Chair Ngāti Kuri	Released in part	9(2)(a)
9	5/02/2024	BRF-4163 - Agreement to discharge the Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary Bill from the Order Paper	Released in part	18(d)
10	20/03/2024	Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary Bill – Talking Points to support the Minister for the Environment at ECO Cabinet Committee, 20 March	Released in part	9(2)(h)