



8 May 2024

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Dear 9(2)a

Thank you for your email of 9 April 2024 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 4053 (2024) and :*

- BRF-4389 Briefing on the upcoming release of Our Land 2024
- BRF-4358 Draft Biodiversity credits – draft summary of submissions report
- BRF-4384 Detail on proposed amendments to the National Environment Standards for Source of Human Drinking Water

As listed in the attached document schedule, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) is releasing the requested information, with some information within these documents withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect information the privacy of natural persons.
- 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.
- 18(d) the information will soon be made 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 (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).

Yours sincerely

*Electronically approved by Danielle Ryan*

**Danielle Ryan**  
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### Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	21 March 2024	BRF-4358 Draft Biodiversity credits – draft summary of submissions report	Released in part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(f)(iv)
1.1	21 March 2024	BRF-4358 Appendix 1	Refused	18(d)
2	21 March 2024	BRF-4384 Detail on proposed amendments to the National Environmental Standards for Sources of Human Drinking Water	Released in part	9(2)(a)
2.1	21 March 2024	BRF-4384 Appendix One	Withheld in full	9(2)(f)(iv)
2.2	21 March 2024	BRF-4384 Appendix Two	Withheld in full	9(2)(f)(iv)
3	20 March 2024	BRF-4389 Briefing on upcoming release of Our Land 2024	Released in part	9(2)(a)