



5 June 2024

OIAD-1045

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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 feedback received by MfE on this matter [Targeted engagement on the proposed suspension of identification of new areas of native biodiversity]

The Ministry has identified eight documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule. I am releasing seven documents to you in full.

I am releasing the contents of one document to you as a summary, as provided for by section 16(1)(e) of the Act. Some information from this document has been withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

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 decision to withhold information 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

Electronically approved by Hayden Johnston

Hayden Johnston

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Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Document schedule

Doc no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	22 March 2024	Auckland Council – Response to MfE – proposed changes to NPSIB 20240321 FINAL.pdf	Released in full	N/A
2	22 March 2024	BioManagers SIG FW_Feedback on proposed change to the NPSIB	Released in full	N/A
3	25 March 2024	EDS – Letter re suspension of SNA mapping.pdf	Released in full	N/A
4	27 March 2024	Federated Farmers NPSIB Amendments Submission 20240327	Released in full	N/A
5	25 May 2024	Email: NPS IB amendment to give effect to the Ministers call to Councils to halt SNA mapping	Released in full	N/A
5a	20 July 2022	Email attachment: FOA submission attachment - NZ Farm Forestry Assoc Submission on NPSIB exposure draft	Released in full	N/A
5b	21 July 2022	Email attachment: FOA submission attachment – FOA submission - NBSIB Exposure Draft	Released in full	N/A
6	25 March 2024	Forest and Bird feedback on proposed NPSIB changes 25 March 2024	Released in full	N/A
7	25 May 2024	Taituarā feedback - Proposed Change to the NPS IB	Released in full	N/A
8	19 and 21 March 2024	Feedback summary from Targeted engagement	Released in part	9(2)(ba)(i); 16(1)(e)