



OIAD-1053

20 May 2024

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 13 April 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

This request is in relation to the proposed NPS-NHD (<https://environment.govt.nz/publications/proposed-national-policy-statement-for-natural-hazard-decision-making-2023/>), which was out for public consultation from 18 September to 20 November 2023. Please provide a copy of: • All submissions received by the Ministry on the proposed NPS-NHD

On 16 April 2024, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) contacted you to clarify the scope of the request as it was broad, and we wanted to assist you with finding the information you were seeking. On 29 April 2024, you clarified that you were seeking the following information:

We have been considering this matter further and it is our preference that we receive copies of the actual submissions, rather than a summary of submissions

The Ministry has collated the information in-scope of your request into the document titled *OIAD-1053 Submissions*, which is being released to you in part, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(ba) 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 -
 - (i) 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; or
 - (ii) would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.

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.

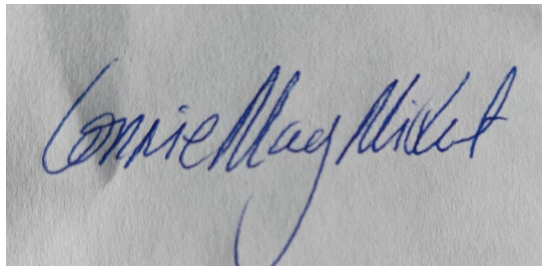
You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3)

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 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.

Yours sincerely



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