



OIAD-1055

12 June 2024

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 16 April 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Please provide:*

- 1) Documentation establishing the FPAG and appointing its members (including the date of establishment of the FPAG and the members appointed).*
- 2) All FPAG terms of reference, directions, and criteria for FPAG consideration, decision making and recommendations.*
- 3) All Minutes and records of the FPAG's proceedings, including of any meetings with third parties.*
- 4) All communications received by the FPAG.*
- 5) All Advice, recommendations, and briefings drafted by the FPAG*

On 6 May 2024, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) partially transferred your request to the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as these parts are more closely connected with the functions of MBIE:

- 3) All Minutes and records of the FPAG's proceedings, including of any meetings with third parties.*
- 4) All communications received by the FPAG.*
- 5) All Advice, recommendations, and briefings drafted by the FPAG*

The Ministry is responding to parts one and two of your request.

Information relating to the establishment, appointment and terms of reference for the Advisory Group, has been published on our website. Therefore, these two parts of your request are being refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available and can be found here: [Fast-track Projects Advisory Group | Ministry for the Environment](#)

You will receive a response to parts three, four and five from MBIE.

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](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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal stroke that tapers to the right.

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