



21 May 2024

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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 22 April 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

This is email is a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982. Could I please request the following: The letter written by the Minister for the Environment sent to the chairs of Ngāti Kuri, Te Aupōuri, and Te Ohu Kaimoana on 21 December 2023 and the response from the Chair of Ngāti Kuri as noted in response to written question Reply 5575 (2024). If you could please provide this information in word search-able PDF format, and if any information is withheld, please clearly indicate under what grounds it is withheld.

The Ministry for the Environment has identified four documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule. Some information within these documents has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

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,

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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	21/12/2023	20231221 Letter to Ngāti Kuri	Released in part	9(2)(a)
2	21/12/2023	20231221 Letter to Te Aupōuri	Released in part	9(2)(a)
3	21/12/2023	20231221 Letter to Te Ohu Kaimoana	Released in part	9(2)(a)
4	22/01/2024	22 January letter from Harry Burkhardt, Chair Ngāti Kuri	Released in part	9(2)(a)