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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 16 August 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Having closely followed the progress of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development, there are some elements with which I am not fully conversant with.

As such, I have found myself in a position whereby I feel the requirement to submit an Official Information Request, under the Official Information Act 1982, for details of the conditions and background, including all forms of communication, that lead to the updates and changes that occurred between the release of the Exposure DRAFT and that of the Policy Statement itself.

Please provide any documentation in its original format where possible, include all relevant attachments, and ensure that any links provided are operational.

The Ministry would like to clarify that there was not an exposure draft, but a discussion document. The recommendations and decision report available on our website summarises the feedback on the discussion document, analysis, and our reasoning on the approach.

This document can be found at the following link

<https://environment.govt.nz/publications/recommendations-and-decisions-report-on-the-national-policy-statement-on-urban-development/>

Your request is administratively challenging as it encompasses a large range and quantity of documents that may not result in the provision of information that meets your need to fully understand the National Policy Statement on Urban Development.

In light of this, we have decided to meet your request by providing you an oral briefing in preference to providing copies of the full information you have requested. We are permitted to do this under section 16(2) of the OIA to avoid impairing the efficient administration of the Ministry. This does not pre-empt our provision of written material to you, as a result of that verbal briefing.

To arrange a time to meet with us and discuss the background of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development, please contact Jelena Ilic by emailing jelena.ilic@mfe.govt.nz. I will be your contact person and can be contacted by calling 021 738 357 or emailing Lesley.baddon@mfe.govt.nz.

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

Electronically approved by Lesley Baddon

Lesley Baddon
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the Official Information Act 1982