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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 30 May 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Application documents filed with the Ministry for the Environment related to an application by Coronet Village Limited and/or related parties under the Fast-track Approvals Bill for the construction of a Gondola from near Malaghans Road and Coronet Peak Station Road, Queenstown, to Coronet Peak ski field, and nearby developments also included in the application.*

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) is unable to confirm whether a project has applied to be included as a Listed Project in the new Fast-track Consenting Bill. All applications remain confidential while they are under active consideration by an independent Advisory Group. As such, the Ministry is withholding the requested information under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

In the coming months the Advisory Group will provide recommendations to Ministers regarding the suitability of projects to be included in Schedule 2 of the Bill. Once Ministers have made their decisions, they may also decide when and whether they will be making the list of applications publicly available.

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](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

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