



1 July 2024

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 4 June 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*In relation to all the documents in this link: <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/fast-track-approvals-bill/>
Please provide a copy of the documents unredacted (with the exception of any section 9(2)(a) redactions).*

As you may be aware, the information you have requested was published on the website of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) on 27 May 2024, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(f)(iv) maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect—the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- 9(2)(h) maintain legal professional privilege
- 9(2)(ba)(i) 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 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
- 9(2)(g)(i) maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through— the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty

You have requested unredacted versions of the documents. However, the grounds for withholding the information remain applicable. As such, the Ministry is refusing your request in full under section 18(d) of the Act, as the requested information is publicly available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision 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 Jo Gascoigne

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