



11 July 2024

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 13 June 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Information requests

Below you mention: “we have used expert authors, a wide range of reviewers and scientific peer review.”

As a matter of official information I'd like to see the advice of your expert authors – is that Rob Bell and Judy Lawrence? If not, are you able to identify the authors, the reviewers (position, organisation) and the scientific peer review you mention and provide that as a matter of official information.

I also see that the Climate Change Response Act, section 5ZQ states that the evidence used to create the report must be made publicly available. Is that material found exclusively in the associated Technical and Method reports?

If not, and other information has been utilised, then I request it as a matter of official information.

The information in-scope of your request is publicly available, here:

<https://environment.govt.nz/publications/national-climate-change-risk-assessment-for-new-zealand-main-report/> As such, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) is refusing your request in full under section 18(d) of the Act, as the requested information is publicly available.

In your email, you enquired whether the National Climate Change Risk Assessment (NCCRA) was prepared by the correct party. You may be interested to know that the Ministry prepared the NCCRA on behalf of the Minister of Climate Change, and that the Minister tabled the NCCRA in Parliament. This Cabinet paper on our website provides additional context:

https://environment.govt.nz/assets/Publications/nccra_public_release_and_initial_government_response.pdf Therefore, we can confirm that the NCCRA was prepared by the correct party.

You also enquired about the source of evidence for the NCCRA. Please note that all technical information used to compile the report is found within the accompanying technical and method reports.

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

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