



29 July 2024

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 3 July 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please release the following information, from 1 May 2024 until the most recent date for which information is available:

- Any data, results or reports generated from any public opinion surveys on freshwater policy, winter grazing or stock exclusions that have been provided to the Ministry.
- Any correspondence held by the Ministry related to the above information. If any of the information that I have requested is unavailable or would be difficult to retrieve, but similar information might be readily available, I would be happy to discuss altering or refining my request.

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) does not possess any data, results or reports, or related correspondence, stemming from public surveys on freshwater policy, winter grazing, or stock exclusions during the timeframe specified in your request. As such, I am refusing your request in full under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

You may be interested to know that Parliament's Primary Production Committee called for submissions on the Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill. The closing date for submissions was 30 June 2024. Written submissions to the Committee for Bill 1 are available on Parliament's website, here: parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/scl/primary-production/tab/submissionsandadvice.

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 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 Nik Andic

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