



OIAD-1150

13 August 2024

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your six emails of 3 July 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting copies of the following documents under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *BRF-4539 - Proposed scope and principles for Resource Management Act (RMA) Amendment Bill 2*
2. *BRF-4539 - Proposed scope and process for resource management reform Phase 3.*
3. *BRF-4880 - Draft Phase 3 Cabinet Paper.*
4. *BRF-4695 - Briefing on potential changes to RMA s70 and s107.*
5. *BRF-4861 - RMA Reform Ministerial Group meeting pack for 19 June meeting.*
6. *BRF-4854 - Further information on Fast-track Approvals Bill matters.*
7. *BRF-4874 - Updates to support Ministerial engagement for fast-track.*

Your request for documents 1 and 2 is for the same document, titled “*Proposed scope and process for resource management reform Phase 2*”.

The documents in scope of your request are listed in the **attached** document schedule, along with my decision on their release. I am releasing one document to you in part, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

I am withholding the remaining five documents in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

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 decisions 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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### Document schedule

Doc no.	Doc date	Content	Decision on release	OIA sections applied
1	6 June 2024	<i>BRF-4539 - Proposed scope and principles for Resource Management Act (RMA) Amendment Bill 2</i>	Duplicate of document 2	
2	6 June 2024	<i>BRF-4539 - Proposed scope and process for resource management reform Phase 3</i>	Withhold in full	9(2)(f)(iv)
3	7 June 2024	<i>BRF-4880 - Draft Phase 3 Cabinet Paper.</i>	Withhold in full	9(2)(f)(iv)
4	20 May 2024	<i>BRF-4695 - Briefing on potential changes to RMA s70 and s107.</i>	Release in part	(9)(2)(a)
5	7 June 2024	<i>BRF-4861 - RMA Reform Ministerial Group meeting pack for 19 June meeting.</i>	Withhold in full	9(2)(f)(iv)
6	10 June 2024	<i>BRF-4854 - Further information on Fast-track Approvals Bill matters.</i>	Withhold in full	9(2)(f)(iv)
7	7 June 2024	<i>BRF-4874 - Updates to support Ministerial engagement for fast-track.</i>	Withhold in full	9(2)(f)(iv)