



4 October 2021

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 19 September 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to request a copy of any applications for funding made by Future Post to the Ministry for the Environment such as to the Waste Minimisation Fund.

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has identified two documents in scope of your request, as listed below:

1. FuturePost – 2018 Waste Minimisation Fund Application
2. FuturePost – 2020 Waste Minimisation Fund Expression of Interest

The Ministry has assessed the documents within scope, and considers the information is commercially sensitive and was supplied subject to an obligation of confidence. Disclosure of information from applications to the Waste Minimisation Fund (WMF) would be likely to prejudice the future supply of information from applicants, which would be detrimental to the effectiveness of the WMF.

Therefore, I am withholding these documents in full under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
- 9(2)(ba)(i) to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information.

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.

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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