



OIAD-1235

6 September 2024

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 28 August 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*A list of the names and locations of the 384 projects that have applied to be listed in the Fast-track Approvals Bill as at 4 August 2024 as announced by Minister Bishop and Minister Jones in their 25 August 2025 press release 'Huge interest in one-stop Fast-track Bill.'*

*Please take this request to include a breakdown of the names of the applicants by sector as indicated in the Ministry for the Environment 'Fast-track Project Breakdown.pdf' that was attached to the Minister's press release.*

As final decisions have yet to be made regarding Schedule 2 of the Fast Track Approvals Bill, I am withholding information relating to all parts of your request 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.

There has been significant public interest in Fast-track project applications and the Fast-track Approvals Bill more generally. As with all applications of section 9 of the Act, I have considered whether the public interest outweighs the need to withhold information. I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of applicant details under section 9(2)(f)(iv) is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

The Fast-track Approvals Bill is part of the Government's wider resource management reform programme. Public submissions on the Fast-track Approvals Bill closed on 19 April 2024. The Select Committee will report back to the House with a revision tracked version of the Bill later in the year. Progress on the Bill can be followed on the Environment Select Committee page at: <https://tinyurl.com/mranvkb5>

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely,

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