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Tēnā koe ^{9(2)(a)}

Thank you for your email of 9 October 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please release to me an unredacted copy of the below document. I am especially interested in the conflict of interest disclosures/notes related to the members of the “Fast-Track Projects Advisory Group”. <https://environment.govt.nz/assets/Package-1-Briefing-Cab-papers-re-establishment-of-Advisory-Group.pdf>

The Ministry for the Environment has reassessed the document you attached to your request, titled *MFE BRF-4408/MBIE 2324-2522 Briefing: Fast-Track Approvals – Draft Cabinet Papers - Listed Projects and Nominees for the Fast-Track Projects Advisory Group*. I am releasing this document to you in part, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

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