



20 December 2024

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Greymouth Star
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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 15 October 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Under the OIA please may I see all correspondence from the past six months about the Taylorville Resource Park (landfill near Greymouth). This should include inward and outward correspondence, complaints, briefings, reports and any contact with any relevant Government ministers. Also, any correspondence with the West Coast Regional Council.

As advised on 11 December, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has granted your request, and after completing extensive consultation, the documentation for release is now being provided to you. Thank you for your patience with this process.

As listed in the attached document schedule, the Ministry is releasing 12 documents in full, and 30 documents in part, with some out-of-scope information removed or redacted, and with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 6(c) as the release of this information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.
- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

The Ministry is withholding 36 items in full under section 6(c) of the Act and refusing one item under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available.

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.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large loop on the left and a series of smaller loops and a tail on the right.

Sara Clarke

General Manager – System Enablement and Oversight
Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Document Schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	17 May 2024	Email communication – BRF-4657 - The EPA's Q3 2023_24 Performance Report	Released in part	9(2)(a)
1.1	17 May 2024	Email attachment – BRF-4657 The EPA's Quarter Three 2023-24 Performance Report	Released in part	9(2)(a) & Out of scope information redacted
1.2	31 March 2024	Email attachment – Appendix One - The EPA's Q3 2023 - 24 Performance Report	Refused	18(d) The information is publicly available at: 2022 -23 Q2 Quarterly report to the Minister
2	5 September 2024	Email communication – BRF-5236 Meeting with West Coast Mayors	Released in full	N/A
2.1	5 September 2024	Email attachment – BRF-5236 Meeting with West Coast Mayors	Released in part	Out of scope information redacted/ removed
3	5 September 2024	Email communication – FW_ Talking points - Minister Simmonds Meeting with Mayor Tania Gibson, Grey District Council	Released in part	9(2)(a)
3.1	3 September 2024	Email attachment –	Released in full	N/A

		BRF-5259 Meeting Note- Meeting with Mayor Tania Gibson, Grey District Council		
4	9 September 2024	Email communication – Updated_ BRF-5236 Meeting with West Coast Mayors	Released in full	N/A
4.1	5 September 2024	Email attachment – BRF-5236 Meeting with West Coast Mayors	Released in part	Out of scope information redacted/ removed
5	27 September 2024	Email communication – BRF-5363 Landfill Compliance Issues	Released in part	9(2)(a)
5.1	24 September 2024	Email attachment – BRF-5363 Landfill compliance issues	Withheld in full	9(2)(h)
5.2	24 September 2024	Email attachment – Appendix 1 Landfill Classes management and levy obligations (BRF-5363)	Withheld in full	9(2)(h)
6	10 May 2024	Email communication – Due 23 May_ Feedback_Advice required on EPA's Q3 Report	Released in part	9(2)(a)
6.1	31 March 2024	Email attachment – 01 EPA 2023 -24 Q3 Quarterly report to the Min Simmonds	Refused	18(d)
7	20 May 2024	Email communication – FW_ BRF-4657 - The EPA's Q3 2023_24 Performance Report	Out of scope	Out of scope
7.1	17 May 2024	Email attachment – MINISTER SIGNED + COMMENTS BRF-4657 The EPA's Quarter Three 2023-24 Performance Report	Released in part	9(2)(a) & Out of scope information redacted/ removed
8	7 October 2024	Email communication –	Released in part	9(2)(a)

		FW_ Attn_ Hon Simmonds - Greymouth District - Support letter - RE_ Taylorville Resource Park Ltd dump site.		
9	23 August 2024	Email communication – FW_ BRIEF - Hon Hoggard - Due_ COB tuesday 27th August	Released in part	9(2)(a) & Out of scope information redacted
10	29 August 2024	Email communication – FW_ Private Taylorville resource Park landfill	Released in part	9(2)(a)
10.1	24 November 2023	Email attachment – 0232_001	Released in part	9(2)(a)
11	20 September 2024	Email communication – Meeting with West Coast Mayor, Tania Gibson	Released in part	9(2)(a)
12	24 September 2024	Email communication – Official Information Act Request OIAD-1238	Released in part	9(2)(a)
12.1	24 September 2024	Email attachment – OIAD-1238 Response Maureen Pugh	Released in part	9(2)(a)
13	27 August 2024	Email communication – PS-COR0688; PS-INV24-163 _ Commissioning - response letter & meeting advice _ Landfill_ Environmental Concerns-1	Released in full	N/A
13.1	12 August 2024	Email attachment – L - Min Simmonds	Released in full	N/A
13.2	No date	Email attachment – Meeting Advice Template - Minister Simmonds	Released in full	N/A
14	5 September 2024	Email communication –	Released in part	9(2)(a)

		FW_ Talking points - Minister Simmonds Meeting with Mayor Tania Gibson, Grey District Council		
15	10 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ Follow ups from meeting Tania Gibson - Grey District Council	Released in part	6(c) & 9(2)(a) & Out of scope information redacted
16	10 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ Follow ups from meeting Tania Gibson - Grey District Council-1	Released in part	6(c) & 9(2)(a) & 9(2)(g)(i)
16.1	1 October 2024	Email attachment – CORM-3026 Tania Gibson	Released in full	N/A
17	28 August 2024	Email communication – RE_ Private Taylorville resource Park landfill	Released in part	9(2)(a)
18	26 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ PS-COR0688; PS-INV24-163 _ Commissioning - response letter & meeting advice _ Landfill _ Environmental Concerns	Released in part	9(2)(a)
19	30 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ Signed BRF-5363 attached with comments	Released in part	9(2)(a)
20	9 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ Update for Minister Hoggard's meeting with West Coast Mayors on 10 September	Released in part	9(2)(a)
21	27 August 2024	Email communication – Response and Official required please- 1	Released in part	9(2)(a)

22	9 May 2024	Email communication – FW_ RMC meeting	Withheld in full	6(c)
22.1	7 May 2024	Email attachment – 00 Agenda RMC Meeting -7 May 2024 – PUBLIC	Released in full	N/A
23	24 September 2024	Email communication – RE: Application for a discharge consent	Withheld in full	6(c)
23.1	17 September 2024	Email attachment – Short report request from PDP by WCRC on the potential or actual impacts of the TRPL landfill leachate management	Released in full	N/A
24	26 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ Application for a discharge consent	Withheld in full	6(c)
24.1	25 September 2024	Email attachment – RE_ PDP desktop short report on TRPL leachate impacts	Withheld in full	6(c)
24.2	25 February 2024	Email attachment – Gypsum & green wastes in landfill and hydrogen sulphide emissions technical information relevant to the TRPL landfill investigation	Withheld in full	6(c)
25	26 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ Application for a discharge consent	Withheld in full	6(c)
25.1	26 September 2024	Email attachment – Meeting with Grey DC on TRPL landfill	Released in full	N/A
25.2	26 September 2024	Email attachment – C04946500L004_Final	Withheld in full	6(c)
26	11 October 2024	Email communication – RE_ Application for a discharge consent	Withheld in full	6(c)

26.1	October 2024	Email attachment – C04946500R001_Final	Withheld in full	6(c)
27	14 October 2024	Email communication – RE_ Application for a discharge consent	Withheld in full	6(c)
28	26 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ Date of MfE info request with WCRC	Released in full	N/A
29	24 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ PDP desktop short report on TRPL leachate impacts	Released in part	Out of scope information redacted
29.1	October 2024	Email attachment – C04946500L004	Withheld in full	6(c)
30	11 October 2024	Email communication – Update on Taylorville	Released in part	9(2)(a)
31	16 September 2024	Email communication – Re West Coast RC	Withheld in full	9(2)(h)
32	22 February 2024	Email communication – Accepted_ Taylorville Resource Park and WCRC	Released in full	N/A
33	16 September 2024	Email communication – I see they have now admitted it	Released in part	9(2)(a)
34	21 August 2024	Email communication – RE BRIEF - Hon Hoggard - Due COB tuesday 27th August	Released in part	9(2)(a) & 9(2)(g)(i) & Out of scope information redacted
34.1	21 August 2024	Email attachment – Situation report October 2023.pdf	Withheld in full	6(c)

35	16 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ I see they have now admitted it	Released in part	9(2)(a) & 9(2)(g)(i)
36	23 August 2024	Email communication – RE_ TaylorvilleC	Released in part	9(2)(a) & 9(2)(g)(i)
37	14 August 2024	Email communication – RE_ Class 2 cells at Class 1 WM landfills_	Released in part	6(c) & Out of scope information redacted
38	30 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ Taylorville Assurance Enquiry and Potential Investigation	Withheld in full	6(c)
39	12 September 2024	Email communication – FW_ Annual Leave 12 - 26 September 2024	Withheld in full	6(c)
40	18 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ OIA Query - does EPA hold information	Withheld in full	6(c)
41	6 September 2024	Email communication – FW_ OIAD-1238 - Commissioning email - Mauren Pugh	Withheld in full	6(c)
42	6 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ OIAD-1238 - Commissioning email - Mauren Pugh	Withheld in full	6(c)
43	31 July 2024	Email communication – FW_ Taylorville Resource Park	Withheld in full	6(c)
44	31 July 2024	Email communication – FW_ Taylorville Resource Park	Withheld in full	6(c)
45	19 September 2024	Email communication – RE Taylorville resource park - greenwaste	Withheld in full	6(c)

46	30 September 2024	Email communication – 2024.09.30-10.14 Email Chain RE Taylorville Assurance Enquiry and Potential Investigation	Withheld in full	6(c)
47	30 September 2024	Email communication – 2024.10.10 Email to DFO Team RE Taylorville Assurance Enquiry and Potential Investigation.msg	Withheld in full	6(c)
48	30 September 2024	Email communication – RE _Taylorville next steps	Withheld in full	6(c)
49	30 September 2024	Email communication – FW_Taylorville next steps.msg	Withheld in full	6(c)
50	10 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ Follow ups from meeting Tania Gibson - Grey District Council (3).msg	Withheld in full	6(c)
51	20 September 2024	Email communication – R13475 - gathering additional information	Withheld in full	6(c)
52	19 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ Task_ _49211 of Request 13475.msg	Withheld in full	6(c)
53	19 September 2024	Email communication – RE Taylorville resource park - greenwaste.msg	Withheld in full	6(c)
54	18 September 2024	Email communication – RE_ Taylorville Resource Park Greymouth.msg	Withheld in full	6(c)
55	18 September 2024	Email communication – REVIEW BN for M.Simmonds Taylorville Resource Park	Withheld in full	6(c)
56	1 August 2024	Teams message – E Stevens MS Teams Search (01.08.2024 - 15.10.2024)	Withheld in full	6(c)
57	30 August 2024	Teams Message –	Withheld in full	6(c)

		J Relihan MS Teams Search (01.08.24 - 15.10.24)		
58	20 September 2024	Teams Message – Nigel Donovan Teams chat review 'Tayloville'	Withheld in full	6(c)