



29 October 2021

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 1 October 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can you please supply all information on the groups funded in the 2019 round [of the Waste Minimisation Fund] and their results to date re commercialization and or abandonment of project and how much each recipient received.

On 8 October 2021, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) attempted to clarify your request and directed you to the publicly available information about the Waste Minimisation Fund (WMF) on the Ministry's external website. However, we received no response.

As stated in the clarification email, information about projects funded through the WMF is published on the Ministry's website (linked <https://environment.govt.nz/what-you-can-do/funding/waste-minimisation-fund/waste-minimisation-fund-funded-projects/>) Please note that when our clarification email was sent to you, the projects were listed by applicant name. They are now listed by the year the funding was awarded.

For each project, the website lists the following information:

- Applicant name
- Project title
- Project type
- Waste Stream
- Funding awarded
- Year the funding was awarded
- Region
- Project status

Note that the funding awarded amount may be updated upon project completion to reflect the actual amount paid.

Project status shows whether a project is in progress, closed, completed, or partially completed. One project from the 2019 funding round is marked as closed, indicating that not all required project objectives were completed as per the contract.

Regarding commercialisation of projects, information provided to the Ministry by recipients about the progress of their projects is commercially sensitive. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the 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.

If you have general questions about the Waste Minimisation Fund, please feel free to contact the Fund directly by email – WMF@mfe.govt.nz, or freephone 0800 499 700.

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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