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Thank you for your email of 27 October 2024 making the following request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) from the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

- *Under the Official Information Act 1982, I am formally requesting access to all information and documentation related to geoengineering studies conducted or commissioned by the Ministry for the Environment. This includes, but is not limited to, any studies, reports, and data related to geoengineering activities.*
- *I would like to highlight that NIWA has conducted studies on Atmospheric Geoengineering, including one by Mike Harvey, as referenced on the Royal Society webpage. I am particularly interested in any information that overlaps or pertains to NIWA's research.*
- *As a concerned citizen, I believe it is crucial for the public to have transparency and access to all relevant information regarding geoengineering activities and research. Therefore, I kindly request the release of the following:*
- *All studies, reports, and data related to geoengineering conducted by the Ministry for the Environment.*
- *Correspondence, meeting minutes, and any other documents related to geoengineering research and implementation.*
- *Details of any ongoing or planned geoengineering projects and experiments.*

Please note that I have interpreted the last two points of your request to refer to any correspondence, documents, or details of geoengineering research or projects *held or conducted* by the Ministry.

I am refusing your request in full under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

The Ministry has not conducted, commissioned, or otherwise contributed to any studies, activities, research, implementation, projects, or experiments relating to geoengineering and does not have any current or future plans to do so.

The Ministry also does not hold any information about geoengineering studies, activities research, implementation, projects, or experiments conducted, commissioned, or otherwise contributed to by the New Zealand government or any of its departments, including NIWA.

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 at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://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](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Kenward', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Sarah Kenward**

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