



28 March 2025

9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

Dear 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *This letter is a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982. It is sent by email.*
2. *We request the following in relation to the second Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP2):*
  - 2.1. *Was there any consultation with Māori or Māori groups on the development of the ERP2, if so, which groups were consulted and how was consultation undertaken;*
  - 2.2. *Any advice, internal memoranda, aide memoires or briefings relating to the Māori interest in climate change, adaptation, and/or mitigation in the energy, transport, agriculture, forestry and waste sectors;*
  - 2.3. *Any advice, internal memoranda, aide memoires or briefings relating to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the ERP2, including with regard to the ETS, system plans and cross sector policies, sector policies and plans and businesses, communities and households in the transition;*
  - 2.4. *Any advice, internal memoranda, aide memoires or briefings, considering the 2023 Draft advice to inform the strategic direction of the Government's second emissions reduction plan.*
3. *In the Discussion document for ERP2, each sector plan analyses the impact on iwi and Māori. These sections have not been carried through to the final ERP2. We request any information or documents relating to why sector-specific impacts on iwi and Māori are not analysed in ERP2.*
4. *In the Discussion document for ERP2, there is a section on Te Tiriti o Waitangi commitments. We request any information or documents relating to why this section was not included in the final ERP2.*

The Ministry for the Environment has identified five documents in scope of parts 2.1-2.4 of your request, as listed in the attached table.

*BRF-4882 ERP2 - Update on Māori Rights and Interests in ERP2* and *BRF-5276 Mitigating Impacts with Iwi and Māori in ERP2* have already been provided to you in our previous response (OIAD-1417 refers).

These papers were released to you in part, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons, and 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege. We consider the same decisions continue to apply, therefore we have not provided these documents again.

*BRF-5302 Strategy for mitigating the impact of ERP2 actions* has been released to you in part, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

*9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.*

*9(2)(g)(i) 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*

*9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege*

*BRF-5365 Consultation feedback on the second emissions reduction plan discussion document* has been released to you in full.

The document *2 August 2024 Climate Strategy Directors Weekly Friday Meeting Pack* has been released to you in part, with out-of-scope information withheld.

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.

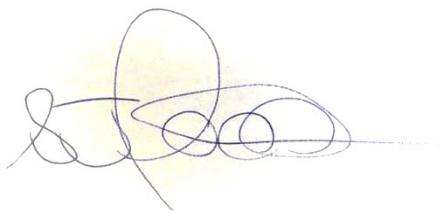
In regard to points three and four of your request, the discussion document contained explanatory and contextual information that was not required in the final plan. This additional information was provided to help those interested in providing to feedback to understand the requirements of an ERP and some of the analysis and thinking behind what was being considered at the time. The Climate Change Response Act requires that an emission reduction plan contain a strategy to mitigate the impacts that reducing emissions and increasing removals will have on employees and employers, regions, iwi and Māori, and wider communities, including the funding for any mitigation action. This is outlined on pages 88-91 of the ERP2, which can be found here: [environment.govt.nz/assets/publications/climate-change/ERP2/New-Zealands-second-emissions-reduction-plan-202630.pdf](https://environment.govt.nz/assets/publications/climate-change/ERP2/New-Zealands-second-emissions-reduction-plan-202630.pdf)

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).

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 'Stephen Goodman', with a yellow circular highlight behind the name.

**Stephen Goodman**  
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Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

### Document schedule

| Document no. | Document date  | Content  | Decisions        | OIA sections applied             |
|--------------|----------------|--|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1            | 2 August 2024  | Climate Strategy Directors Weekly Friday Meeting Pack  | Release in part  | Out of scope info withheld       |
| 2            | 21 August 2024 | BRF-4882<br>Update on Māori Rights and Interests in the Second Emissions Reduction Plan      | Release in part  | 9(2)(h)                          |
| 3            | 2 October 2024 | BRF-5276<br>Mitigating Impacts with Iwi and Māori in ERP2                                    | Release in part  | 9(2)(h)                          |
| 4            | 2 October 2024 | BRF-5302<br>Strategy for mitigating the impact of ERP2 actions                               | Release in part  | 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(g)(i), 9(2)(h) |
| 5            | 2 October 2024 | BRF-5365<br>Consultation feedback on the second emissions reduction plan discussion document | Released in full |                                  |