



19 August 2025

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 15 July 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

In addition, I request copies of all documents listed in your response to written question 32214 (2025).

I have identified 36 documents in scope of your request, as listed in the document schedule below.

I am refusing all 36 documents in full, under section 18(d) of the Act, as all documents in-scope of your request are scheduled for proactive release on the Ministry's website by the end of September, here: <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/rm-consent-amendment-act>

Please note this link will become active once the documents are published on the Ministry's website, and that some information within the published versions of documents is likely to be withheld under section 9 of the Act.

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.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information shortly after the response has been sent on our website at: <https://environment.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act-requests/>. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team at: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

Electronically approved by Rhedyn Law

Rhedyn Law

Manager – RM Policy Bill 2

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Document schedule

#	Date	Title	Decision	Grounds
1.	4/04/2024	BRF-4442 – Briefing: RMA Amendment bill 2 – Initial advice on proposed amendments and legislative process	Refused in full	18(d)
2.	13/05/2024	BRF-4683 – Aide memoire: Update on engagement for Phase 2	Refused in full	18(d)
3.	14/05/2024	BRF-4652 – Meeting note: First draft RMA Reform Ministerial Group meeting pack for 22 May meeting	Refused in full	18(d)
4.	24/05/2024	BRF-4820 – Aide memoire: Confirmation of 22 May 2024 RMA Reform Ministerial Group decisions	Refused in full	18(d)
5.	30/05/2024	BRF-4776 – Briefing note: Heritage and resource management reform	Refused in full	18(d)
6.	6/06/2024	BRF-4539 - Briefing note: Proposed scope and process for resource management reform Phase 2	Refused in full	18(d)
7.	5/07/2024	BRF-5006 – Aide memoire: Delivering on infrastructure, housing and primary sector resource management improvements (Phase 2)	Refused in full	18(d)
8.	11/07/2024	BRF-5032 – Briefing note: Going for Housing Growth – Options for councils completing intensification plan changes	Refused in full	18(d)
9.	24/07/2024	BRF-4987 – Aide memoire: Update on suggestions from partners and stakeholders for Phase 2	Refused in full	18(d)
10.	25/07/2024	BRF-5060 – Briefing note: Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2 – Detailed Policy Decisions on System Improvements	Refused in full	18(d)
11.	2/08/2024	BRF-4983 – Briefing note: Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2 – Providing certainty and simplifying designations	Refused in full	18(d)
12.	7/08/2024	BRF-5150 - Briefing note: Prohibiting Insurance for RMA fines	Refused in full	18(d)
13.	9/08/2024	BRF-5076 – Briefing note: Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2 – Detailed Policy Decisions on Natural Hazards and Emergency Provisions	Refused in full	18(d)
14.	14/08/2024	BRF-5018 – Briefing note: RMA Amendment Bill 2 - Port Coastal Permits Decisions	Refused in full	18(d)
15.	19/08/2024	BRF-5168 – Briefing note: RMA Amendment Bill 2 – Amending the RMA-Fisheries Act 1996 Interface	Refused in full	18(d)

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16.	27/08/2024	BRF-5218 – Briefing note: Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2 - Further information on assessment of environmental effects for designations and other outstanding matters	Refused in full	18(d)
17.	27/08/2024	BRF-5124 – Briefing: Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2 – Detailed Policy Decisions on more efficient consenting processes and council decision-making	Refused in full	18(d)
18.	30/08/2024	BRF-5211 – Briefing: Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2 – Detailed Going for Housing Growth policy decisions	Refused in full	18(d)
19.	9/09/2024	BRF-5285 – Briefing: RMA Amendment Bill 2 – Amending the RMA-Fisheries Act 1996 Interface: advice on decision-making concurrence	Refused in full	18(d)
20.	11/09/2024	BRF-5180 – Briefing: Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2 – Historic Heritage Management Decisions	Refused in full	18(d)
21.	12/09/2024	BRF-5272 – Briefing: Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2 – Detailed policy decisions on recognising industry organisations in the delivery of freshwater farm plans	Refused in full	18(d)
22.	20/09/2024	BRF-5295 – Briefing: Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2 – Detailed Policy Decisions on consent certainty and other outstanding matters	Refused in full	18(d)
23.	20/09/2024	BRF-5308 – Briefing: Further information on assessing non- complying activities	Refused in full	18(d)
24.	11/10/2024	BRF-5390 – Briefing: RMA Amendment Bill 2 – Amending the RMA-Fisheries Act 1996 Interface: options for decision-making concurrence	Refused in full	18(d)
25.	15/10/2024	BRF-5439 – Briefing: Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2 – Transitional decisions for 35-year default consent duration for renewable energy and certain long-lived infrastructure	Refused in full	18(d)
26.	23/10/2024	BRF-5478 – Aide memoire: Advice on MP Mark Cameron’s members bill to remove consideration of greenhouse gas emissions in RMA decisions	Refused in full	18(d)
27.	25/10/2024	BRF-5533 – Briefing: Further advice on Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2 – Heritage Management Decisions	Refused in full	18(d)

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28.	31/10/2024	BRF-5521 Briefing: Draft Cabinet Legislation Paper - Resource Management Amendment Bill 2: Approval for Introduction	Refused in full	18(d)
29.	9/11/2024	BRF-5285 - Briefing: RMA Amendment Bill 2 - Amending the RMA- Fisheries Act 1996 Interface: advice on decision-making concurrence	Refused in full	18(d)
30.	3/12/2024	BRF-5671 - Briefing: Resource Management Act Amendment Bill 2 - Geothermal and Hydro-electricity 1 Year consenting	Refused in full	18(d)
31.	28/01/2025	BRF-5805 - Briefing: Policy decisions taken on Going for Housing Growth and advice on Auckland Council	Refused in full	18(d)
32.	6/03/2025	BRF-5842 - Briefing: Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill - Further policy approvals for the Departmental Report	Refused in full	18(d)
33.	7/03/2025	BRF-5914 - Cover note: progressing improvements on freshwater farm plans	Refused in full	18(d)
34.	20/03/2025	BRF-5936 - Briefing: Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill - Further Housing, Infrastructure and Energy policy approvals for the Departmental Report	Refused in full	18(d)
35.	28/03/2025	BRF-6059 - Briefing: Further advice on hearings provisions in the RM (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill	Refused in full	18(d)
36.	31/03/2025	BRF-5990 - Aide memoire: Draft Departmental Report to Environment Committee on Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill	Refused in full	18(d)