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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 13 July 2022 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

The attached comms plan sourced from Victoria University relates to the 'SeaRise' project. It mentions "MfE's Delta Document, which will incorporate AR6 data, in February 2022." Could a copy be provided.

I would also like to understand why the timing of the SeaRise release was determined by the MfE timetable and not triggered by publication in the peer review literature. Could any correspondence or documentation addressing this point be provided?

The Ministry's 'delta document' is publicly available, and now named: [Aotearoa New Zealand climate change projections guidance Interpreting the latest IPCC WG1 report findings](#). As this information is publicly available, I must refuse this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act.

The NZSeaRise programme is not influenced by the Ministry's timings. It is run by Victoria University of Wellington, and receives funding from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. The Ministry recently published guidance on how to use the NZSeaRise projections: [Interim guidance on the use of new sea-level rise projections | Ministry for the Environment](#). The timing of the release of this interim guidance was influenced by the publication of the National Adaptation Plan on 3 August.

Any discussion about the timing for the publication of the interim guidance was verbal. I must therefore refuse this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

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 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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