



OIAD-397

S9(2)(a)

Dear S9(2)(a)

Thank you for your letter of 29 August 2022 to the Department of Conservation (DOC) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *A copy of the paper prepared by the Jobs for Nature Advisory Group on a proposed framework for a cross agency sustainable system for environmental enhancement and any associated feedback from the Department of Conservation; and*
- *A copy of the final paper prepared by the Jobs for Nature Advisory Group on a proposed framework for a cross agency sustainable system for environmental enhancement.*

On 1 September 2022, your request was transferred to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) for response in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as the information you requested is more closely connected with the functions of Jobs for Nature Advisory Group, that is supported by the Jobs for Nature Secretariat (which is housed within the Ministry).

The Ministry has identified 5 documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule. These 5 documents have been withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

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.

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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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	29 March 2022	DRAFT - Designing a sustainable system for environmental enhancement—a proposed framework for discussion	Withhold in full	9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered
2	2 May 2022	Department of Conservation letter to Dave Brash: Jobs for Nature Advisory Group – Feedback on 'Designing a sustainable system for environmental enhancement' paper	Withhold in full	9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered
3	23 May 2022	Feedback on draft Advisory Group proposal	Withhold in full	9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered
4	14 September 2022	Designing a sustainable system for environmental enhancement—a proposed framework for discussion	Withhold in full	9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered
5	14 September 2022	Summary of agency feedback on earlier draft Advisory Group paper	Withhold in full	9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered