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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 27 May 2021 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

May I please be provided with the geospatial data (coordinates) of the closed landfills in Aotearoa New Zealand that are At Risk of breach due to sea level rise or extreme weather/erosion.

The sea level risk data was modelled and described in the the 2019 LGNZ report commissioned by Tonkin and Taylor - Vulnerable: the quantum of local government infrastructure exposed to sea level rise.

And referred to in the 2021 MfE report - National Climate Change Risk Assessment for New Zealand.

The locations (at least 321 landfills at risk) were recently reported on in this Stuff article but they are unwilling to share geospatial data. article <https://i.stuff.co.nz/environment/124123042/more-than-300-old-dumps-at-risk-of-coastal-erosion-and-flooding>

I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist. The Ministry does not hold information in relation to closed landfills in Aotearoa New Zealand. I suggest contacting the relevant regional or local council for this information.

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 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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