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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 12 February 2023 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Tēnā koe, I'm Bridie McCree.*

*I'm writing to request the following information under the Official Information Act: The 2017 publication from New Zealand's Environmental Reporting Series, 'Freshwater and Nitrogen Leaching' created by the Ministry for the Environment and StatsNZ. I look forward to your response within the next 20 working days.*

*Ngā mihi nui,*

The Ministry for the Environment is refusing this request under 18 (e) of the Official Information Act as the Ministry for the Environment and Stats NZ have been unable to locate a publication from New Zealand's Environmental Reporting Series called 'Freshwater and Nitrogen Leaching'.

We note that there is publicly available information related to nitrogen leaching on the Ministry's website: *Environmental Reporting Series: Our fresh water 2017* [New Zealand's environmental reporting series: Our fresh water 2017 | Stats NZ](#). Also, we have found on Stats NZ website [Nitrate leaching from livestock | Stats NZ](#).

If you wish to request more information, please do not hesitate to lodge another request with us.

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

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