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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 05 June 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

May I please have the following:

- *A list of all projects relating to freshwater improvement that MFE currently funds (including, for each project, the purpose of the funding and the name of the organisation that is responsible for the project), specifically in the catchments of Manukau, Kawhia, Whaingaroa and Aotea;*
- *A list of all briefings prepared by MFE, since October 2019, advising its minister(s) on funding for Kaipara Harbour, specifically in relation to the Kaipara Treaty settlement negotiations (note this request will also be made to the PDU and Te Arawhiti);*
- *Confirmation that Waikato Regional Council is tracking well with implementing the NPSFM;*
- *Confirmation that Auckland Council is tracking well with implementing the NPSFM.*

Please find responses to your request listed below.

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Project	Responsible Organisation	Purpose
Protecting our Groundwater - Measuring and Managing Diffuse Nutrient Losses from Cropping Systems'	Foundation for Arable Research (FAR)	This project will improve groundwater quality by using the actual measurement of diffuse nutrient losses from cropping farms as evidence to promote management changes to reduce these losses.

		The project is focused on groundwater in vulnerable catchments in Canterbury, Manawatu, Hawkes Bay, Waikato and South Auckland.
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The following briefings are in scope of your request. I understand you have made a similar request for information to Te Arawhiti and the Provincial Development Unit and they will respond to you regarding any items they are primarily responsible for.

Item	Date	Title
1	December 2019	2019-B-06021 Kaipara Moana Remediation Project - Central government next steps
2	June 2020	2020-B-06893 Crown funding for the Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme
3	June 2020	2020-B-06895 23 June SLU Minister meeting agenda and papers
4	June 2020	2020-B-06927 Material for Sustainable Land Use Minister meeting re Jobs for Nature Programme
5	November 2020	2020-B-07318 Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme Year One

- Confirmation that Waikato Regional Council is tracking well with implementing the NPSFM;

- Confirmation that Auckland Council is tracking well with implementing the NPSFM.

The Ministry has published its advice relating to the progress of councils implementing the NPSFM on its website. This information can be found at the following address:

<https://environment.govt.nz/publications/national-freshwater-policies-and-regulations-review/>. Accordingly I refuse your request for this information under section 18(d) of the

Act as the information is publicly available.

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.

Noho ora mai, nā



Lorena Stephen
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