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OIAD-757

Thank you for your email of 31 July 2023 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can MfE or EPA please send me all the information that it has received from Te Rimu Trust as part of its application for fast-track consenting, including any information following the decision to decline the application?

I understand the Trust received up to \$2.8m from the government to help fund feasibility, design, costing and consent work for the barge proposal. Can MfE or EPA (or the relevant government department) please send copies of this information too?

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has identified 19 documents in scope of Part 1 of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule. These documents are being withheld in full under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is, or will soon be publicly available.

All application information for the Te Araroa Barge Facility project will be published on the Ministry's website in due course – [Te Araroa Barge Facility | Ministry for the Environment](#).

The Ministry does not hold documents requested in scope of Part 2 of your request, so this part of your request is refused. Therefore, this part is refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

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

Lorena Stephen
Director - Implementation

Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	19 August 2022	Application for a project to be referred	Withheld in full	S 18(d) – the information requested will soon be publicly available
2	12 July 2022	Landscape Memo	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
3	15 July 2022	Ecological Report	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
4	19 August 2022	Alternative locations assessment	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
5	15 July 2022	Advice on infrastructure	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
6	28 June 2022	Archaeological assessment	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
7		Construction and planting works	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
8		Records of Title	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
9	15 February 2018	Letter from Gisborne District Council	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
10	February 2016	Assessment of the potential wood availability	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
11		National Policy Statement and National Environmental Standards assessment	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
12	July 2022	Site Plan Concept	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
13		Strategic overview	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
14	14 December 2021	Letter from Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
15	9 November 2021	Cultural Report	Withheld in full	S 18(d)

16	4 November 2021	Economic and viability assessment	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
17	October 2017	Deloitte report	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
18	6 October 2017	Opus Feasibility Study	Withheld in full	S 18(d)
19	3 May 2022	PWC Emissions calculations	Withheld in full	S 18(d)