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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 6 July 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Could I please request: a copy of any Climate Implications of Policy Assessments for past and future Cabinet decisions on block offers for fossil fuel exploration permits (if any exist).

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) have not received or been engaged on any Climate Implications of Policy Assessments (CIPA) for any Cabinet decisions on block offers for fossil fuel exploration permits. As such, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

The CIPA requirement has been in place since November 2019. Any related decisions before the CIPA requirement was in place does not apply. If you are interested in information on any proposals since then, you may wish to consider contacting the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of this 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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