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Tēnā koe 9(2)a,

Thank you for your email of 29 November 2023 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *The request relates to the application by Southern Parallel Sports Campus Limited to establish the Southern Parallel Sports Campus at 279 Stranges Road, Ashburton (Project ID: 2023-161) under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020.*
- *We request copies of any documents (including emails or letters) received by the Ministry for the Environment or Hon David Parker regarding the above application from members of the public, including (but not limited to):*
 - *Ms Joanne Prudence Ruane; and Mr John William Skevington*

The Ministry will proactively release all relevant information for the Southern Parallel Sports Campus Limited application on our website. Therefore, we must refuse your request under 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is expected to be publicly available within 6 weeks from the date of this response. More information will be available here: <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/fast-track-consenting/southern-parallel-sports-campus/>.

The Ministry did not receive any documents (including emails or letters) regarding the Southern Parallel Sports Campus application from either Ms Joanne Prudence Ruane or Mr John William Skevington. Therefore, we must refuse this part of the request under 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist.

The Ministry has identified one letter in scope of your request, from a member of the public, Aaron H, dated 11 June 2023 regarding the Southern Parallel Sports Campus application. The letter has not been included in the documents to be proactively released and has been released to you in part. Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of the individual.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

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.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Gascoigne', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Jo Gascoigne
General Manager – Resource Management Systems
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