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Tēnā koe 9(2)a,

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*All ministerial briefings, including attachments, regarding the Rakaia water conservation order, including the associated court proceedings. The timeframe for this request is from November 24 last year (when the full Government line-up was announced) to today's date. If it hasn't already been released, please include any pertinent passages of the BIM.*

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has identified one document in scope of your request, *BRF-4071 Aide Memoire Rakaia Water Conservation Order Declarations Fish and Game and EDS*. This document is being released to you with some information withheld under section 9(2)(h) of the Act, in order to maintain legal professional privilege.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry 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).

Nāku noa, nā

*Electronically approved by Gina McGrath*

**Gina McGrath**

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