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Thank you for your email of 6 March 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Official Information Request regarding Fast-track consenting bill.

1. All communications, advice, briefings, and other documents between the Ministry of Environment and Minister of Environment Penny Simmons regarding the fast-track consenting bill since October 2023.
2. All communications, advice, briefings, and other documents between the Ministry of Environment and Minister of Climate Change Simon Watts regarding the fast-track consenting bill since October 2023.
3. All communications, advice, briefings, and other documents between the Ministry of Environment and Minister Shane Jones regarding the fast-track consenting bill since October 2023.

The Ministry will be publishing the information you have requested on our website. Therefore, your request is being refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information will soon be publicly available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision 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.

Nāku noa, nā

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Ministerial Inquiry into Land Use, Fast Track Approvals Bill – Listed Projects, COVID-19 Recovery Fast Track Act

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