



19 April 2024

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Dear 9(2)a

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

I write to request any advice provided by your Ministry to ministers on work or proposals to enact a replacement Resource Management Act, referred to at the Annual Review of the Ministry of the Environment by the Environment Select Committee held as Parliament on 29 February 2024.

The Ministry for the Environment has identified three documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule.

One document is released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

One document has been refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as it is publicly available on the Ministry's website: [Work programme for reforming the resource management system | Ministry for the Environment](#)

One document has been withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.

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.

Yours sincerely

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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	15 February 2024	BRF-4029: Establishing a three-year work programme for improvements to the resource management system	Release in part	s9(2)(f)(iv)
2	16 February 2024	BRF-4156: Further advice on opportunities for spatial planning to advance Government objectives	Withhold in full	s9(2)(f)(iv)
3	29 February 2024	CAB-391: Work programme for reforming the resource management system	Withhold in full	s18(d)