



6 May 2024

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Dear 9(2)a

Thank you for your email of 6 March 2024 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), relating to provisions for Māori in the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.

On 28 March 2024, you refined your request as below:

Timeframe Narrowing: *While my original request covered consultations and documentations from 1 October 2017 to 1 December 2019, I am specifically interested in the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 May 2019. This narrowed timeframe should limit the volume of documents to be reviewed.*

Specific Areas of Interest: *In order to narrow the scope, my request can be limited specifically to internal communications (ie, including emails, memos, meeting minutes, briefing papers, reports, or proposals related to the inclusion of Māori provisions in the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill) between departments and agencies, and offices, including communications with various coalition and confidence and supply party offices at the time, regarding the consultation with Māori, the inclusion of Treaty of Waitangi principles, and the integration of te ao Māori in the bill.*

The Ministry has identified 19 documents in scope of your request, as outlined in the attached document schedule.

Four documents have been released to you in part, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- 9(2)(h) to maintain professional legal privilege
- 18(d) as the information is publicly available

The remaining 15 documents have been released to you in full.

Please note that some material contained in these documents is out of scope of your request but has been provided to you for completeness.

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.


As mentioned in our previous correspondence, a number of documents relating to the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill have been proactively released, and can be found here:

- [Climate Change Response Zero Carbon Amendment Bill: Summary \(environment.govt.nz\)](https://environment.govt.nz/Climate-Change-Response-Zero-Carbon-Amendment-Bill-Summary)
- [Climate-Change-Response-Zero-Carbon-Amendment-Bill-Approval-for-Introduction-minute-of-decision-CAB-19-MIN-0208.pdf \(environment.govt.nz\)](https://environment.govt.nz/Climate-Change-Response-Zero-Carbon-Amendment-Bill-Approval-for-Introduction-minute-of-decision-CAB-19-MIN-0208.pdf)
- [Climate Change \(Zero Carbon\) Amendment Bill Cabinet Paper policy decisions for department report \(environment.govt.nz\)](https://environment.govt.nz/Climate-Change-(Zero-Carbon)-Amendment-Bill-Cabinet-Paper-policy-decisions-for-department-report)
- [Climate Change \(Zero Carbon\) Amendment Bill Cabinet Minute policy decisions for departmental report \(environment.govt.nz\)](https://environment.govt.nz/Climate-Change-(Zero-Carbon)-Amendment-Bill-Cabinet-Minute-policy-decisions-for-departmental-report)
- [Regulatory Impact Statement Zero Carbon Bill - redacted \(environment.govt.nz\)](https://environment.govt.nz/Regulatory-Impact-Statement-Zero-Carbon-Bill-redacted)
- [Appendix 2 - Addendum to Regulatory Impact Statement - Zero Carbon Bill \(environment.govt.nz\)](https://environment.govt.nz/Appendix-2-Addendum-to-Regulatory-Impact-Statement-Zero-Carbon-Bill)
- Departmental Report on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill 2019 - [75f27a22a184441e2bf9c9d3914bffe56980718e \(www.parliament.nz\)](https://www.parliament.nz/75f27a22a184441e2bf9c9d3914bffe56980718e)
- Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill - Ministry for the Environment, powerpoint for information session 3 (Economic impacts of the 2050 target) - [PowerPoint Presentation \(www.parliament.nz\)](https://www.parliament.nz/PowerPoint-Presentation)

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

No.	Date	Content	Decision	OIA section applied
1	3 July 2018	Email – <i>Additional required information for ZCB Consultation hui Wed 4th July...</i>	Release in part	9(2)(a)
2	10 October 2018	Document – 2018-B-04979 Iwi/Māori engagement and Treaty of Waitangi inclusion in the ZCB	Release in full	N/A
3	8 April 2019	Email – <i>FW Meeting with Minister Shaw on Tuesday 15 January...</i>	Release in part	9(2)(a)
3.1	14 January 2019	Document – Background Paper	Release in full	N/A
3.2	28 September 2018	Document – Office of the Māori Climate Commissioner - Submission on Proposed Amendments (maoriklimatocommission.co.nz/assets/Uploads/Maori-Climate-Commission-Submission-2018.pdf)	Refuse	18(d)
4	28 November 2018	Document – Notes for Minister Shaw – engagement with iwi and Māori	Release in full	N/A
5	7 October 2018	Email – <i>FW Request for information on 'kaitiaki credit system'</i>	Release in full	N/A
6	23 September 2018	Email – <i>Request for advice – engaging Māori and embedding Treaty through ZCB</i>	Release in full	N/A
6.1	7 September 2018	Document – Letter from Kelvin Davis	Release in full	N/A
7	8 November 2018	Document - 2018-B-05089 Iwi/Māori provisions in the Zero Emissions Bill policies	Release in full	N/A

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8	17 August 2018	Document - Zero Carbon Bill Project Weekly Update	Release in full	N/A
9	20 July 2018	Document - Zero Carbon Bill Project Weekly Update	Release in full	N/A
10	13 July 2018	Document -Zero Carbon Bill Project Weekly Update	Release in full	N/A
11	26 July 2018	Document – Notes from 26 July Interagency meetings on ZCB adaptation functions	Release in full	N/A
12	December 2018	Document – December 2018 hui notes	Release in part	9(2)(a)
13	December 2018	Document – Draft email invitation to hui	Release in full	N/A
14	30 October 2018	Document – 2018-B-05072 Climate Change Commission: expertise considerations	Release in full	N/A
15	October 24 2018	Email – ZCB – <i>use of whakatauki and te reo Māori</i>	Release in part	9(2)(h)
16	1 November 2018	Document – 2018-B-05028	Release in full	N/A