



9 May 2024

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Tēnā koe 9(2)a ,

Thank you for your email of 8 March 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Any reports, memos etc MFE holds regarding the current or future need for recycling infrastructure in NZ from Jan 2023 onwards. Please include any correspondence between MFE and other parties. But please exclude any internal MFE emails or media responses.

On 19 March 2024, the Ministry contacted you to seek clarification of your request. Specifically, the Ministry asked for clarification on which type of recycling infrastructure you wanted information about e.g., household kerbside recycling infrastructure etc. You confirmed that you were interested in information on household kerbside recycling.

On 26 March 2024, the Ministry advised you that we had interpreted your request for correspondence as relating to New Zealand's onshore reprocessing capacity and what might be needed to increase onshore processing. The Ministry sought confirmation that this interpretation was correct and asked whether you were interested in all materials i.e., glass, paper and cardboard, steel and aluminium, and plastics. You confirmed that the Ministry's interpretation was correct.

On 17 April 2024, the Ministry notified you that we had extended the timeframe for responding to your request under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request were such that a proper response could not reasonably be made within the original timeframe.

The Ministry has identified 16 documents that contain information in scope of your request, as per the attached document schedule.

The Ministry is releasing 15 documents to you in full. Of these 15 documents, the Ministry is releasing the information requested as extracts in two instances, as provided for under section 16(1)(e) of the Act.

The Ministry is releasing one document to you with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

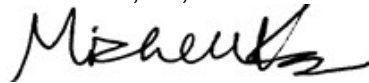
In terms of section 9(1) of the Act I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions 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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Kazor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michelle Kazor

Programme Director – Waste Investments
Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Document schedule

Doc no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	16/02/2023	BRF-4090: Waste investment priorities, processes and controls	Released in full as an excerpt	16(1)(e)
2	5/12/2023	BRF-3966: Secondary Briefing to the Incoming Minister: Waste and resource efficiency programme	Released in full as an excerpt	16(1)(e)
3	13/07/2023	BRF-3444: Aide memoire: Information on plastic waste exports out of New Zealand	Released in full	N/A
4	16/02/2023	Appendix 1 of BRF-4090: Waste investment priorities, processes and controls	Released in full	N/A
5	24/11/2023	Correspondence: CORD-228	Released in full	N/A
6	Unknown	Resource Recovery and Waste Infrastructure Roadmaps	Released in full	N/A
7	Unknown	Position paper on a national waste infrastructure planning approach for the waste action and investment plan (2024-28)	Released in full	N/A
8	25/03/2024	Email: Information on batteries recycling / Thomas Lauterbach	Released in part	9(2)(a)
9	8/04/2024	Email: Metal packaging/kerbside recycling	Released in full	N/A
10	26/07/2023	Email: PET milk bottle	Released in full	N/A
11	6/03/2024	Email: 2 issues, #5 reprocessing and coloured PET	Released in full	N/A
12	2/04/2024	Email: Fjord Paper - Barrier Paper	Released in full	N/A
13	10/08/2023	Email: Pizza boxes - Waste Management has agreed they will accept in kerbside recycling	Released in full	N/A
14	1/02/2024	Email: plastic stakeholders	Released in full	N/A

15	15/02/2024	Email: Q&A from last week's webinar	Released in full	N/A
16	14/08/2023	Email: Request data from WRIF on Kāpiti kerbside recycling	Released in full	N/A