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Tēnā koe S9(2)(a)

Reassessment of information for OIA request relating to Fast Track Approvals Bill

I am following up my letter to you of 3 August 2026, in relation to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for the following information:

In relation to all the documents in this link: <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/fast-track-approvals-bill/>

Please provide a copy of the documents unredacted (with the exception of any section 9(2)(a) redactions). We presume that this would be a relatively quick decision on release and should not take the full 20 working days given that collation has occurred.

Please find attached a copy of the Te Arawhiti documents for the Fast Track Approvals Bill that were proactively released by the then Ministry for the Environment (now part of the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport) on its website. Te Tari Whakatau (previously Te Arawhiti) has assessed the current redactions, taken into account the passage of time, and consulted affected agencies. As a result, 16 redactions have been removed. These are listed in the attached table. Note that some redactions remain in place for the same withholding provisions under the Official Information Act 1982 as per the original release.

I am satisfied that there are no other public interest considerations that render it desirable to make the information withheld under section 9 of the OIA available.

After considering our response to your request, we can advise that it will be published no earlier than 20 working days from the date of this letter at www.whakatau.govt.nz. Your personal and other identifying information will be removed.

If you have any concerns about the information in this response being published on our website please contact us by emailing officialcorrespondence@whakatau.govt.nz by 5.00pm on 18 September.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucy Bolton', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lucy Bolton
Manager, Policy