

Office of Hon Nanaia Mahuta

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Tēnā koe Micky

Thank you for your email of 22 July 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information relating to the Three Waters Reform Programme and myself in my capacity as Minister for Local Government, since January 2017:

- *All written communication between yourself & Deloitte regarding Three waters, specifically relating to the Deloitte Report - Industry Development Study & Economic Impact Assessment*
- *All written communication between yourself & others regarding Three waters*

On 29 July 2022, following my office contacting you to refine the scope of your request, you agreed to refine your request to the following:

“But we can get transparency on this by releasing 'all' email communication between Minister Mahuta and Deloitte regarding 'Three Waters'.

(if there is any)

from 2017 until today

We can refine it to all email communication regarding 'Three Waters' between Minister Mahuta and

All email communication regarding 'Three Waters' between Minister Mahuta and:

- *Jacinda Ardern*
- *Willie Jackson*
- *Andrew Little*
- *Kieran Mcanulty*
- *Phil Goff*
- *Lianne Dalziel*
- *All Iwi*
- *All Tribal corporations (example: Tainui Group Holdings)*
- *Also industry players -*
- *Veolia*
- *Ixom*
- *Humes*
- *Hynds*
- *Xylem*

- *Filtration Systems*
- *Beca*
- *Stantec*
- *Lutra*
- *Fulton Hogan*
- *Downer*
- *Stantec*
- *from 2019 until today"*

On 26 August 2022 my office contacted you to advise you that as your request necessitated a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of my office, we would be extending the timeframe in which we would provide a response to you.

Regarding the first part of your request relating to correspondence between myself and Deloitte, this is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Act as this documentation does not exist. In this instance, Deloitte was engaged by the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) to produce this work. I understand that you have made a similar request to the Department to request this correspondence.

Please find attached as **Appendix A (Parts A – D)**, correspondence between myself and the following groups and individuals you have highlighted in the second part of your request. The following table provides a schedule of the correspondence:

Correspondent	Decision
<i>Appendix A – Part A</i>	
Ngāti Whātua	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a)
Anita Baker, Mayor of Porirua City Council	Released in full
Ngāti Tamaterā Treaty Settlement Trust	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a)
Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a)
Te Tauihu Iwi Chairs Forum	Released in full
Northern Waters - Te Wai Ora Mai Tāmaki ki Te Rerenga Wairua	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a)
Ngāti Toa	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a) Some information removed as it is not relevant to the request
Hon Kieran McAnulty, MP for Wairarapa	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a) Some information removed as it is not relevant to the request
Te Hikutu Hapu	Released in full
Ngātiwai Trust Board	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a)
Waikato Tainui	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a)
Ngāi Tahu	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a)
Ngāti Whātua	Released in full

Correspondent	Decision
<i>Appendix A – Part B</i>	
Hon Lianne Dalziel, Mayor of Christchurch	Released in full
Ngaati Whanaunga	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a)
Ngāi Tahu	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a) Some information removed as it is not relevant to the request
Ngāi Tahu	Released in full
Phil Goff, Mayor of Auckland	Released in full
<i>Appendix A – Part C</i>	
Phil Goff, Mayor of Auckland	Released in full
<i>Appendix A – Part D</i>	
Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a)
Te Tauihu Iwi Chairs Forum	Released in full
Statement of Support from Working Group Members	Released in full
Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust	Some information withheld under 9(2)(a)
Canterbury Mayoral Forum	Released in full

Your request for correspondence between myself and the following individuals and groups regarding 'Three Waters' has been refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Act, as the documents you have requested do not exist:

- Jacinda Ardern
- Willie Jackson
- Andrew Little
- Veolia
- Ixom
- Humes
- Hynds
- Xylem
- Filtration Systems
- Beca
- Stantec
- Lutra
- Fulton Hogan
- Downer
- Stantec

In accordance with section 9(1) of the Act, I do not consider the withholding of information under sections 9(2)(a) of the Act is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. C. Mahuta', written in a cursive style.

Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Minister of Local Government