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Dear Sean Marshall

Thank you for your email of 2 March 2023 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Please provide copies of all correspondence between the Ministry (or any agent of the ministry) and the Christchurch City Council between 20 August 2022 and today [2 March 2023] regarding or in any way relating to the Council's intensification planning instrument.*

*This includes, but is not limited to, records of any phone calls, minutes or summaries of any meetings, physical correspondence and electronic communications.*

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has identified 26 documents in scope of your request, including attachments, as listed in the attached document schedule. Some information within three of these documents has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

The remaining 23 documents have been released to you in full.

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.

Please note the Ministry has excluded administrative correspondence between the Ministry for the Environment and Christchurch City Council (CCC) in relation to a request CCC received under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). While we have not included the administrative correspondence, we have included the document that was attached to those emails within the scope of that previous LGOIMA request.

Subsequent to this request under the Act, CCC has notified its intensification planning instrument, Plan Change 14, on 17 March 2023. It is now open for public submissions until 3 May 2023.

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](http://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](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

*Electronically approved.*

Lesley Baddon  
**Director - Urban and Infrastructure Policy**

### Document schedule

No.	Content	Decision	OIA Section/s applied
1	Email – Revised Terms of Reference	Release in full	N/A
1.1	Attachment to Document 1 - CCC - S24A Investigation - TOR revised 1.11.22	Release in full	N/A
2	Email – Iwi feedback on PC14	Release in full	N/A
2.1	Attachment to Document 2 - MKT Memo Draft Housing and Business Choice Plan Change	Release in full	N/A
2.2	Attachment to Document 2 - Mahaanui Advice PC14	Release in full	N/A
3	Email - Updating you on plan changes 13 and 14	Release in full	N/A
4	Email - District Plan Change webinar - Recording and other supplementary information Feb 23	Release in full	N/A
5	Email - Housing and Business Choice Plan Change - webinar records	Release in full	N/A
6	Email: RE_ MDRS _ NPS-UD Implementation Catch Up (CCC MfE HUD)	Release in part	9(2)(a)
6.1	Attachment to Document 6 - Draft OCP A3	Release in full	N/A
7	Email - CCC PC14 resolution details	Release in full	N/A
7.1	Attachment to Document 7 - Final PC14 Draft mayor resolution	Release in full	N/A
7.2	Attachment to Document 7 – Map 1	Release in full	N/A
7.3	Attachment to Document 7 – Map 2	Release in full	N/A

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7.4	Attachment to Document 7 - final councillors resolutions	Release in full	N/A
8	Email - MDRS Clarification (and a well done for yesterday!)	Release in full	N/A
9	Email - Response to query on non-notification of IPI	Release in full	N/A
9.1	Attachment to Document 9 - CCC Approval to Notify PC13 and 14 (IPI) at 8 Sept 2022	Release in full	N/A
10	Email - MfE, HUD, CCC meeting	Release in part	9(2)(a)
11	Email - LGOIMA - Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Act	Release in full	N/A
12	Email – Initial meeting with CCC on non-notification of intensification plan change	Release in full	N/A
12.1	Attachment to document 12 – Meeting note: CCC non-notification of intensification plan change	Release in full	N/A
13	Email – Updated talking points for conversation with Ngāi Tahu re Chch non-notification	Release in full	N/A
14	Email – FW_ Meeting notes for the meeting with CCC CE and Mayor on Tuesday morning	Release in full	N/A
15	Email - Points Janine's call with CCC on Thursday 17 November	Release in full	N/A
16	Combined - Question 1 - Meetings - with MfE redactions	Release in part	9(2)(a), 9(2)(g)(i)