

29 March 2022

OIAD-228

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## Dear John Luke

Thank you for your email of 1 March 2022 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

A list of vacancy (ministerial appointment only, e.g. board member, Lay member, Trustee etc) that the nomination period has been closed but still under consideration by the Ministry for the Environment or relevant Minister.

In your list, can you please include the date that vacancy been advertised, what method you have used to publicly advertise the position and when the vacancy been closed as well.

Also, I would like to know if you have any future opening in 2022. e.g. the position that will call for nomination in the year of 2022 or in the process of obtaining Minster approval to start the recruitment process.

In response to your request for a list of vacancy that the nomination period has been closed but still under consideration, there are no outstanding decisions to be made by the Ministry for the Environment or relevant Minister. As such, I am refusing this part of request under section 18(e) of the Act; the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

The Ministry follows the Public Service Commission guideline for board appointments and inductions when calling for nominations. These can be found at <u>Board Appointment and</u> <u>Induction Guidelines (publicservice.govt.nz)</u>.

Below is a list of future openings in 2022 in response to your request:

- Environmental Protection Authority
- Climate Change Commission
- Nominating Committee
- Fiordland Marine Guardians.

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: <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a>.

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 <u>OIA responses page</u> 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.qovt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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