

## **Official Information Act Request**

Requester's details

**Date:** 24 March 2022

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Reference number: ENQ-43659-Z6M9H0

Dear Sean

I refer to your request received on 14 March 2022 for the following information:

"What policy (if any) does the Authority have for when you become aware that a local authority has failed to review their policy statements and plans as required by section 79 if the RMA?"

In our view, it would have been necessary under section 14 of the OIA to transfer your request to the Ministry for the Environment (MFE) because the information you requested is held by that agency. However, we are aware that you have already made your request to MFE, and therefore we have not transferred it. We do not hold any additional relevant information that is not already held by MFE.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at <a href="mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz">info@ombudsman.parliament.nz</a>

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via <a href="mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.nz">ministerials@epa.govt.nz</a>

We may publish your request and our response on our website, <a href="www.epa.govt.nz">www.epa.govt.nz</a>. We make OIA responses available so others can read more about the work we do and the questions we are asked. Any information that might identify you will be removed to protect your privacy.

Yours sincerely

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