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Dear Brian Warburton

Thank you for your email of 7 April 2022 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*On 7 April 2022 Minister Parker announced central government funding would be given to a project to undertake restoration riparian planting in Porirua ([Funding Boost Spells Brighter Future For Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour | Scoop News](#)).*

*According to the press release ([Jobs for Nature to help restore Porirua Harbour | Beehive.govt.nz](#)) this funding would amount to \$3m and be provided under the Government's 'Jobs for Nature' programme. This central government funding would supplement funding from Porirua City Council (\$4.8M) along with some unspecified financial contribution from Sustainable Coastlines.*

*In this regard, please provide me with a copy of the application made to, and approved by the Ministry, for funding which I presume was prepared and submitted by Porirua City Council.*

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

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

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.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lorena Stephen'.

Lorena Stephen  
Director Investment

### Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1		Essential Freshwater Fund	Release in Part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(f)(iv)
2		Expressions of Interest - 2020	Release in Part	9(2)(a)