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Harry Peterson

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Dear Harry Peterson

On 24 August 2022 the Cabinet Office partially transferred your request for the following information under section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) as it relates to my responsibilities as the Minister for the Environment:

*All documents and Cabinet papers mentioning Whangārei in relation to infrastructure and health funding decision from the date beginning October 25 2017.*

I have identified one document which is in scope of your request – *COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 12) 2022* dated 18 October 2021. I am refusing your request for this document under section 18(d) of the Act, as it will soon be publicly available on the Ministry for the Environment's website.

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 contact my office if you have any queries about this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker'.

Hon David Parker

**Minister for the Environment**