

# Hon Kieran McAnulty

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Sean Marshall

By email: [fyi-request-20109-a491f690@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-20109-a491f690@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Sean

Thank you for your email of 2 August 2022 to Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Minister of Local Government, requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your request has been transferred to me to respond as the offshore islands are part of my delegation as Associate Minister of Local Government. Your request is as follows:

*"I'm writing regarding the Motiti Island Environmental Management Plan (the District Plan for Motiti Island under the RMA) and the National Planning Standards.*

*I note that the Standards set a deadline of 3 May 2024 for you to either amend the Plan to comply with the Standards or notify a new plan. However, I'm mindful that, given the impending replacement of the RMA, your office/ministry may be postponing any preparation for this until those reforms are finalised.*

*What Plan, if any, does your office/ministry have to amend or replace the Plan to bring it in line with the Standards? Please include any reports, timelines or other documents which may be relevant to my request."*

I am advised that officials at the Department of Internal Affairs are considering the potential implications of the resource management reform in relation to the review of the District Plan.

You will be aware that the resource management reform is likely to have a significant impact on the planning framework for Mōtītī Island, and every other community around New Zealand. At this stage, it is not clear what these changes will look like for the implementation of district plans, and officials continue to work closely with the Ministry for the Environment (as with other territorial authorities) to understand the potential impacts before any plans can be developed.

Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as I am advised that the information requested does not exist.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email [info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz).

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kieran McAnulty', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Kieran McAnulty  
**Associate Minister of Local Government**