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John

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Dear John

Thank you for your email of 4 May 2023 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am seeking all materials related to discussions the past and/or present Chair of the EPA had with yourself related to how and why the Board of EPA decided to hold Board meetings jointly with Ngā Kaihautū Tikanga Taiao (NKT) including but not limited to:

- 1. All documents and communications about the proposal and decision to hold joint meetings of the Board and NKT that were provided to you*
- 2. All communications between the past and present Chair of the Board and yourself regarding the proposal to hold joint Board and NKT meetings*
- 3. Any advice, memos, emails and opinions you received on this matter*
- 4. All meeting notes related to meetings you had with the past and/or present Chair of the EPA*

I do not hold any records within scope of your request. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as no such documents exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision 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.

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