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Dear John Luke

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

*I would like to request a list of vacancies (ministerial appointment only, e.g. board member, Lay member, Trustee etc) that the nomination period has been closed but still under consideration by the Ministry for the Environment or relevant Minister. In your list, can you please include the date that vacancy been advertised, what method you have used to publicly advertise the position, how many applications you have received and when the vacancy been closed as well. Also, I would like to know if you have any future opening in 2024. e.g. the position that will call for nomination in the year of 2024.*

The following table provides you with the information requested. Please note that we cannot provide information on any potential calls for nominations in the coming year as this will depend on Ministerial decisions. We have therefore included the terms that are due to expire in 2024 which will be considered by Ministers in due course.

<b>Governance group</b>	<b>Positions currently under consideration</b>	<b>Term expires in 2024</b>
Climate Change Commission	2 positions advertised between 4 and 27 August 2023 via: - Appoint Better Boards - LinkedIn - Institute of Directors 30 applications were received.	1 position
Environmental Legal Assistance Fund Panel	-	5 positions
Environmental Protection Authority	-	5 positions
Commissioners for Freshwater Hearings Panel	-	14 positions
Nominating Committee for the Climate Change Commission	-	2 positions

Te Pou Tupua	-	1 position
Waste Advisory Board	3 positions advertised between 24 January 2023 and 3 March 2023 via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NZ Herald</li> <li>- Dominion Post</li> <li>- Otago Daily Times</li> <li>- Christchurch Press</li> <li>- gazette notice</li> <li>- MfE website</li> <li>- LinkedIn</li> </ul> 16 applications were received.	2 positions

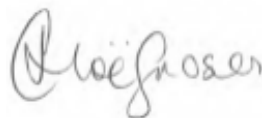
Additionally, the National and Built Environment Act 2023 anticipates the establishment of a number of governance groups. Further calls for nominations are possible, pending Ministerial decisions.

A Freshwater Working Group is required to be established under section 96 of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023. Establishment steps have been initiated but Terms of Reference and appointments were not completed prior to the General Election. This process has been paused to be considered by the incoming Minister.

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



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