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Dear J Ward

Thank you for your email of 21 May 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am writing to you in your role as Minister Responsible for RMA Reform regarding your recent decisions on the Wellington City Council Intensification Planning Instrument. Please supply all advice and evidence you relied upon to decide the Johnsonville Train Service (JVL) constituted a rapid transit service as defined in the NPS-UD.

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has identified the following documents in scope of the request:

- 5 February 2024 - Ministry for the Environment Weekly Update
- 12 April 2024 - Email Ministry for the Environment to the Hon. Chris Bishop, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform with attached package of 13 documents
- 16 April 2024 - Hon Chris Bishop, Minister for RMA Reform, Policy Meeting 16 April 2024
- 1 May 2024 Ministry for the Environment BRF-4531 Wellington City Council intensification planning instrument: Recommendations referred for decisions

In response to your request, as detailed in the attached document schedule, I am releasing two documents in full, three documents in part with out-of-scope information removed, and information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege


I am also refusing the request in relation to 12 documents under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is or soon will be publicly available. Links have been provided in the document schedule to information already publicly available.

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 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 'Chris Bishop', written in a cursive style.

Hon. Chris Bishop

Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Document schedule

Doc no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	5 February 2024	Ministry for the Environment Weekly Update.	Released in part.	Out of scope information has been redacted.
2	12 April 2024	Email Ministry for the Environment to Hon. Chris Bishop, Minister Responsible for RMA Reform with attached package of 13 documents.	Release in full.	
2.1	12 April 2024	Memo to Hon Chris Bishop, Minister for RMW Reform with three attachments of documents 5.2 to 5.13.	Released in full.	Includes links to Docs 5.3 to 5.12.
2.2	Attachment 1	Letter from WCC to the Minister for RMA Reform, Hon Chris Bishop and Minister for the Environment, Hon Penny Simmonds.	Refused.	s 18(d) - Information requested is publicly available. Link - https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/wellington-city-council-intensification-planning-instrument-recommendations-referred-for-decisions/
2.3	Attachment 2 Appendix 1	Adelaide Road	Refused.	s 18(d) - Information requested is publicly available. See link in Doc 5.1.
2.4	Appendix 2	Walkable catchment around City Centre Zone and Hay Street	Refused.	s 18(d) - Information requested is publicly available. See link in Doc 5.1.
2.5	Appendix 3	Character Precincts	Refused.	s 18(d) - Information requested is publicly available. See link in Doc 5.1.

2.6	Appendix 4	Moir and Hania Street Interface	Refused.	s 18(d) - Information requested is publicly available. See link in Doc 5.1.
2.7	Appendix 5	Setbacks for 1-3 residential units	Refused.	s 18(d) - Information requested is publicly available. See link in Doc 5.1.
2.8	Appendix 6	Johnsonville Line and its walkable catchments	Refused.	s 18(d) - Information requested is publicly available. See link in Doc 5.1.
2.9	Appendix 7	Kāpiti Line walkable catchments	Refused.	s 18(d) - Information requested is publicly available. See link in Doc 5.1.
2.10	Appendix 8	Heritage buildings	Refused.	s 18(d) - Information requested is publicly available. See link in Doc 5.1.
2.11	Appendix 9	Kilbirnie plan change	Refused.	s 18(d) - Information requested is publicly available. See link in Doc 5.1.
2.12	Appendix 10	Hydraulic neutrality in the CCZ	Refused.	s 18(d) - Information requested is publicly available. See link in Doc 5.1.
2.13	Attachment 3	BRF 4341 - 1 March 2024 Aide memoire: Process and options for ministerial decisions and interventions on intensification planning instruments.	Released in part.	s 9(2)(h) Out of scope information has been redacted.
3	16 April 2024	Hon Chris Bishop, Minister for RMA Reform, Agenda - Policy Meeting.	Released in part.	s 9(2)(h) Out of scope information has been redacted.
4	1 May 2024	Ministry for the Environment BRF-4531: Wellington City Council intensification planning instrument:	Refused.	s 18(d) Information requested is publicly available. Link - https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-

		Recommendations referred for decisions.		<u>is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/wellington-city-council-intensification-planning-instrument-recommendations-referred-for-decisions/</u>
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