

# Hon Judith Collins KC



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Ref:JCOIA-157

Troy Baisden  
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Dear Troy,

Thank you for your email of 30 July 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*"In your role as Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology you commissioned the Strategic Science Advisory Group (SSAG) via terms of reference which set 30 June as the date for delivery of the Phase 1 report. Much depends on the recommendations, which appear to be delayed. We therefore seek from your office and the ministry:*

- 1) Any copies of final or draft Phase 1 Report(s) from SSAG delivered to your office or the Ministry.*
- 2) Any summaries of the report findings or recommendations prepared by the SSAG, your office or officials.*
- 3) Correspondence between the minister or officials with the SSAG chair or directorate that discusses delayed timeframes, reasons for delays, or challenges that may cause delays in the report or implementation of recommendations."*

Please see my response to your request below.

A total of six documents falls within the scope of this OIA. These documents and my decision on each are listed in the table below:

	<b>Document title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Decision</b>
1	Final SSAG report – Phase 1	Professor Sir Peter Gluckman and the SSAG	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) and under section 18(d).
2	Executive summary and recommendations of SSAG report – Phase 1	Professor Sir Peter Gluckman and the SSAG	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i).

3	MBIE's potential response to the SSAG report 7 Aug 24	MBIE	Withheld in full under section. 9(2)(g)(i)
4	MBIE potential response to SSAG recommendations 23 July 24	MBIE	Withheld in full under section. 9(2)(g)(i)
5	Extension of submission (email)	-	Released with redactions under s9(2)a
6	Cabinet paper – SSAG report 1 – draft – 27 June 24	MBIE	Withheld in full under section. 9(2)(g)(i)

Please note some of the information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.
- Section 18(d) – refusal of request as the information requested will soon be publicly available.

I do not consider that withholding this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,



Hon Judith Collins KC

**Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology**

**Archived:** Friday, 16 August 2024 5:11:34 pm  
**From:** Lee Robinson  
**Sent:** Mon, 13 May 2024 01:25:30  
**To:** Jill Rolston Hema Sridhar Richard Walley  
**Cc:** Hilary Candiliotis Abi Wood-Bodley Ally Koehler  
**Subject:** RE: Extension of submission [UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Sensitivity:** None

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Hi team

I have heard back from the Minister's office. They are querying the need to extend the submission time and the potential impact on the delivery of the 30 June report. Please hold off making any changes until they have had some time to process their thinking.

Hema, someone may reach out to you to better understand why the extension. I wasn't able to add much more than what is in Jill's lines for the website.

Many thanks  
Lee

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**From:** Lee Robinson  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 12:36 PM  
**To:** Jill Rolston <s9(2)(a)>; Hema Sridhar <s9(2)(a)>; Richard Walley <Richard.Walley@mbie.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** Hilary Candiliotis <Hilary.Candiliotis@mbie.govt.nz>; Abi Wood-Bodley <Abi.Wood-Bodley@mbie.govt.nz>; Ally Koehler <Ally.Koehler@mbie.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Extension of submission [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Hema and Jill

Richard and I had a quick chat this morning and agreed that we probably need to give the Minister's office a heads up before you commit to an extension. Their key concern, we imagine, will be around any potential impact on the delivery of report for the end of June.

Will the extension impact the first report and when delivered to MBIE?

I will provide the Min's office with an update on the proposed change for submissions once I hear back from you.

Many thanks  
Lee

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**From:** Jill Rolston <s9(2)(a)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 11:09 AM  
**To:** Hema Sridhar <s9(2)(a)>; Lee Robinson <Lee.Robinson@mbie.govt.nz>; Richard Walley <Richard.Walley@mbie.govt.nz>  
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**Subject:** RE: Extension of submission

Hi Lee and Richard,

Below is the draft text we would use to announce the extension once you're happy to proceed.

## Science System Advisory Group submission phase extended for two weeks

**In response to significant interest from stakeholders and the public, submissions to the Science System Advisory Group will be extended to 31 May to ensure all parties have a chance for their voices to be heard.**

In this first round, the questions are mostly broad and high-level, with some targeted questions. Feedback from this round will allow the SSAG to determine principles that will shape discussions and calls for future input.

You can answer as many or as few questions as you'd like.

Have your say [ssag.org.nz/submit](https://ssag.org.nz/submit)

Submissions are open until 11.59pm Friday 31 May 2024.

Thanks

**Jill Rolston**

Communications Manager



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**From:** Hema Sridhar <s9(2)(a)>

**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 10:47 AM

**To:** Lee Robinson <Lee.Robinson@mbie.govt.nz>; Richard Walley <Richard.Walley@mbie.govt.nz>

**Cc:** Jill Rolston <s9(2)(a)>

**Subject:** Extension of submission

Hi Lee and Richard,

As mentioned last week Peter wants to extend the submission to the end of the month to allow enough time for responses.

Could you confirm if there's anything you need from your end before we can update the website etc. Let Jill know please as soon as possible, and she'll make the arrangements.

Thanks in advance,  
Hema

**Hema Sridhar**

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