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Kia ora Thomas

Thank you for your email of 21 August 2024 making the following request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I would like to request copies of all correspondence dated since 1 January 2010 involving the Ministry for the Environment and any reports generated or received by the Ministry for the Environment since 1 January 2000, regarding the prospect of nuclear power generation in New Zealand.*

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has identified seven email conversations in scope of your request, as listed in the below table. We have not identified any reports in scope of your request.

I am releasing one of these documents to you in full. I am releasing six documents to you in part, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.

18(d) as the information is already publicly available.

Documents 1, 2, and 4 are records of correspondence between the Ministry, Ministers' offices, and members of the public about the topic.

Document 3 is a record of internal Ministry correspondence about the topic.

Documents 5 and 6 are records of correspondence between the Ministry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade about the topic.

Document 7 is an email conversation between a Ministry staff member in their capacity as a board member of Engineering New Zealand, a non-governmental professional body, and their fellow board members. The staff member used their Ministry email address in error and the content of the document does not represent the views or internal work of the Ministry.

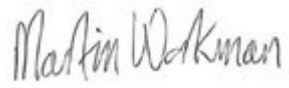
In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

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

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Martin Workman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Martin Workman, Chief of Staff  
Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

### Document schedule

#	Date	Type of correspondence	Subject of email	Decision
1	11-05-2014	External correspondence	Understanding Nuclear Energy	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
2	20-05-2019	External correspondence	Nuclear Power in New Zealand - An Enquiry	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
3	03-10-2019	Internal correspondence	Nuclear power	Released in full
4	25-01-2020	External correspondence	Nuclear Power in New Zealand	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
5	23-10-2020	Inter-agency correspondence	Nuclear power and climate change	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
6	10-02-2021	Inter-agency correspondence	Reconnecting on Nuclear Power and Climate Change	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
7	10-02-2022	Non-Ministry correspondence	Nuclear energy	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act