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Tēnā koe J McKenzie

Thank you for your request of 25 August 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) which was refined on 1 September 2024 to be for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Stakeholder lists, as well as meeting minutes and external emails with stakeholders relating to MfE's targeted stakeholder engagement on the UN Global Plastics Treaty on Plastics Pollution between INC-4 in April 2024 and the date of the request, in the lead up to INC-5.*
2. *Formal briefings created by MFAT primarily relating to consultations with PSIDS on the UN Global Plastics Treaty on Plastics Pollution between the lead up to INC-3 and the date of the request, in the lead up to INC-5.*
3. *Current funding mechanisms for waste management in the Pacific region developed in the last 5 years or under development by MFAT or MfE in relation but not exclusively to the UNEP Plastics Pollution Treaty Negotiations.*

As outlined in our email dated 3 September 2024, part 2 of your request has been transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) as the information requested is not held by MfE but is believed to be held by MFAT.

We have identified nine documents in scope of part 1 of your request, as outlined in the below **Table 1: Document Table**. Some information within these documents has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. 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. Note that we have not included purely administrative emails, such as responses to meeting invitations and emails clarifying views that were then included in the summary discussion document, in our response.

I am also providing you with a list of the stakeholders that were invited to join MfE's targeted engagement in the lead up to the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5) as **Table 2: Stakeholders**. To clarify, the list contains stakeholders who were invited to attend roundtable discussions, and not all actually attended. It is also important to note that the individuals who attended were not representing the views of their organisation, but rather sharing their own expertise.

Regarding part 3 of your request, there is no information on funding mechanisms for waste management in the Pacific region developed in the last five years or under development by MfE or MFAT. There are ongoing discussions on a funding mechanism taking place within the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, as part of the UNEP Plastics Pollution treaty negotiations. However, these discussions relate to the funding mechanism as part of the means

of implementation for the treaty and are not specifically related to the Pacific region but relate to all Parties of the future treaty.

In the Pacific region the Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) is the key regional agency with responsibility for waste management and pollution control efforts. More information on their work in this area can be found on SPREP's website: <https://www.sprep.org/>. New Zealand provides core and programmatic funding to SPREP to support all its operations.

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

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Lewis', is positioned above the printed name.

**Shaun Lewis**  
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**Table 1: Document Table**

<b>Doc no.</b>	<b>Doc date</b>	<b>Content Title</b>	<b>Decision on release</b>	<b>Grounds applied</b>
1.	19 June 2024	Email chain: Invitation to roundtable discussion on chemicals and polymers of concern for the UN Global Plastics Treaty	Release in part	9(2)(a)
2.	9 July 2024	Email: Roundtable discussion summary and feedback survey	Release in part	9(2)(a)
3.	9 July 2024	Attachment: Summary of roundtable discussion on chemicals and polymers of concern	Release in part	9(2)(a)
4.	15 July 2024	Meeting invitation: Roundtable discussion – problematic and avoidable plastic products, including microplastics	Release in part	9(2)(a)
5.	27 July 2024	Email: Roundtable discussion questions and confirmed attendees for 24 July	Release in part	9(2)(a)
6.	13 August 2024	Email: Discussion summary - Roundtable discussion on problematic and avoidable plastic products, including microplastics	Release in part	9(2)(a)
7.	13 August 2024	Attachment: Summary of discussion – Roundtable discussion on problematic and avoidable plastic products, including microplastics	Release in part	9(2)(a)
8.	6 August 2024	Meeting invitation: Roundtable discussion – product design	Release in part	9(2)(a)
9.	13 August 2024	Email: Roundtable discussion product design – 19 Aug	Release in part	9(2)(a)

**Table 2: Stakeholders**

3R Group	Landcare Research
Agrecovery	Lewis Road Creamery
Aliaxis	Lion NZ
Aotearoa Plastic Pollution Alliance	Mad World
Armatec	Massey University of New Zealand
Association of Rotational Moulders Australasia Ltd	Mindful Fashion
Auckland Council	Mix Limited
Biopak	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
Business NZ	New Zealand Food and Grocery Council
Cawthorn Institute	New Zealand Paint Manufacturers Association and Carboline NZ
Christchurch City Council	Northcott Research Consultants
Composites Association of New Zealand	NZ Post
Cosmetics NZ	Packaging Council of New Zealand
Countdown	Para Kore Marae Incorporated
Earthwise	Plasback
Eco matters	Plastics NZ
Ecocentral	Re. Group
Ecostore	Replas
Enviro NZ	Retail Kiwi
Environmental Protection Authority	Reuse Aotearoa
Institute of Environmental Science and Research NZ	Scientists' Coalition for an Effective Plastics Treaty
Fisher and Paykel Healthcare	Scion
Fonterra	Surface Coating Association of New Zealand
Foodstuffs NZ	Sustainable Coastlines
Frucor Suntory	Tāngata Whenua Coalition for an Effective Plastics Treaty
Future Post	The Packaging Forum
Goodman Fielder	University of Canterbury
Gyro plastics	UsedFULLY
Hope Moulded Polystyrene	WasteMINZ
Jad cup	Z
Kimberly-Clark Corporation	Zero Waste Network