



25 October 2024

Ref: DOIA-REQ-0004280

P Robins

Email: fyi-request-28544-cff39836@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe P Robins,

Thank you for your follow up requesting the information withheld at page two of the release document be released.

I note that the information withheld was draft correspondence on behalf of the Minister for Energy. This information was withheld to preserve the free and frank exchange of opinions between officials and Ministers. This gives Ministers confidence to seek advice on responses, and to take or leave that advice free from undue pressure. This view has previously been upheld by the Ombudsman, which you can read about further here: <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/resources/request-draft-ministerial-and-chief-executive-correspondence>.

However, with further consideration, I believe it is useful to summarise the nature of the exchange, as follows:

The exchange in the withheld correspondence reflected a desire to update the draft responses for ministerial correspondence on behalf of the Minister to ensure the letters were clear that the Government holds a nuclear free position, and to delineate between nuclear fission and nuclear fusion. The updated language provided reflects this.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

Stephen Tat

Acting Manager Electricity Generation, Infrastructure and Markets Policy
Energy Markets

