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Gus M

By email: fyi-request-28804-3d3d3f5c@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Gus

Thank you for your email of 18 October 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide the names of the individuals/parties that put forth the suggestion/recommendation for each of the successful members of the fast-track independent advisory group.

Additionally, please provide copies of the documents such as an email or report where the recommendation/suggestion was made for each of the successful members by the individual/party that put them forth.

The table below lists the nominating agency or Minister for each Fast-Track Projects Advisory Group member:

Member	Nominated by
David Tapsell (Chair)	Ministry for the Environment, Te Arawhiti, and Hon Tama Potaka
David Hunt	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
Rosie Mercer	Hon Shane Jones
Vaughan Wilkinson	Hon Shane Jones
Murray Parrish	Hon Shane Jones
Dr Mark Davey	Hon David Seymour

Advice relating to the appointment of the Fast-Track Projects Advisory group is publicly available on the Ministry for the Environment's website at: <https://tinyurl.com/yte64ete>.

This includes a briefing that provided nominees from agencies for the Fast-track Projects Advisory Group (Reference BRF-4408), and that included a list of nominees in an appendix to the briefing. The appendix has not been released in order to protect individuals' privacy.

Minister Jones' office provided by office with Murray Parrish's CV on 26 March 2024 to be considered as a member of the Fast-Track Projects Advisory Group. That CV is being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of the individual.

All members were appointed through the Cabinet appointments process. It's important to note that this is the standard process for appointments. Ministers often seek suggestions for appointees from a range of sources including political parties, MPs and government departments.

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.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and the last name "Bishop" clearly distinguishable.

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