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Alex Harris

By email: fyi-request-432-6973f4af@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Alex

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (OIA) REQUEST – MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED

Thank you for your email regarding Meridian's submission to the Law Commission on the OIA. Your request was:

"I would like to request the following information under the OIA:

- * a copy of your submission
- * all drafts, advice, and internal communications (including emails) relating to that submission."

Attached is Meridian's submission. I have not included the other materials you requested on the basis of the grounds provided for in section 9 (2) (g) (i) of the OIA.

Section 9 (2) (g) (i) of the OIA states

- (2) "... the withholding of the information is necessary to—
- (g) maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through—
 - (i) 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 department or organisation in the course of their duty; or"

The additional materials relate to the opinions expressed by and between officers and employees of Meridian as part of the free and frank discussion required to develop the organisation's response. As such these materials have been excluded.

Please note that you have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to an Ombudsman, to seek an investigation and review of our responses.

Yours sincerely

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