



6 June 2019

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Reference: OIA-2018/19-0619

Dear Simon Ewing-Jarvie

Official Information Act request relating to New Zealand's Oceans Policy

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 13 May 2019. You requested:

...copies of all documents, including drafts and notes, in any format relating to New Zealand's Oceans Policy. Within the scope of this request I include maritime security, sea lanes, freedom of navigation, fisheries, pollution and science..."

On 23 May 2019, you refined your request to be for:

"...a current copy of New Zealand's Oceans Policy - a national, strategic level document. If such a document doesn't exist, a confirmation to that effect will suffice."

Following consultation with the following agencies, I can confirm that there is no single document that meets the scope of your request:

- Maritime New Zealand
- Ministry for the Environment
- Ministry for Primary Industries
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and
- Ministry of Transport

Accordingly I must refuse your request under section 18(e) of the Act– the information requested either does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.


The following websites do however contain information that may be of interest to you:

Subject	Link
Oceans and fisheries	https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/environment/oceans/
Fishery Management Initiatives	https://www.fisheries.govt.nz/law-and-policy/legal-overviews/fisheries/our-fishery-management-initiatives/
Environmental compliance	https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/commercial/environment/default.asp
Oil Spill Response Strategy 2018-2022	https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/environment/responding-to-spills/response-strategy.asp

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sarah Corbett
Acting Executive Director
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