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Dear Mr Poynter

Thank you for your request of 12 April 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*"I would like to request a copy of, or access to, the latest edition of the heat plant database preferably in spreadsheet format.*

*Additionally, if not already included in this database, I would like to request the most up to date records/list/spreadsheet of state sector buildings (including schools, hospitals, universities, NZDF buildings, etc.) with coal, gas, diesel, LPG, wood-chip/biomass-fired boilers broken down by organisation name, organisation type (eg. school, hospital...), location, boiler fuel-type."*

The requested database contains information provided as commercial in confidence (and covered by information sharing agreements) therefore this information is withheld on the following grounds:

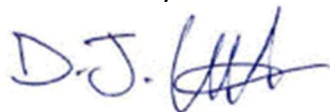
- 9(2)(ba)(i) to protect information which where release would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information
- 9(2)(b)(i) to protect information where the information available would unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the subject of the information.

You may be interested in a series high level of factsheets which are publicly available: <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/building-and-energy/energy-and-natural-resources/low-emissions-economy/process-heat-in-new-zealand>. In addition, the 2011 version of the Heat Plant Database has been made publicly available through the Bioenergy Association website: <https://www.bioenergy.org.nz/resource/heat-plant-database>.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

I trust that you will find this information helpful; however, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D.J. Griffiths', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel Griffiths  
**Manager Markets**