

Office of Hon Nanaia Mahuta

MP for Hauraki-Waikato

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Minister of Local Government

Associate Minister for Māori Development



28 June 2022

Luke

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Tēnā koe Luke

Your Official Information Act request of 28 May 2022

Thank you for your email of 28 May 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please release all advice given to the Minister on why a co-governance structure is necessary to improve water quality for all New Zealanders.

Please release the advice given to the Minister on why a co-governance structure in the Three Waters reforms is justified.

Please release any concerns presented to the Minister regarding co-governance and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), and the Minister's response.

Please release any advice/reports presented to the Minister regarding co-governance in Three Waters and the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

Please explain why Iwi/Māori are justified in controlling 50% of water assets when they only represent 16% of the population.

Please explain why Iwi/Māori have a greater interest in water quality compared to all New Zealanders.

I am extending the time available to respond to your request under sections 15A(1)(a) and (b) of the Act, as your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and involves consultations necessary to make a decision on the request such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

The timeframe has been extended by 25 working days. My response will now be provided to you by 2 August 2022, however, I will endeavour to provide you with the decision prior to this date if at all possible.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to make a complaint to an Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision to extend the deadline for a response.

The contact address is: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.
Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Mahuta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Minister of Local Government