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Kia ora 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your enquiry; the [Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment](#) is the lead agency for New Zealand energy policies. Please contact them at xxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx or phone 04 901 1499.

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Hi,

I'm 9(2)(a), and am curious about the state of nuclear power in New Zealand. I was directed here after contacting the official government

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Specifically, I would like to know the state of legality of the construction and operation of nuclear power plants in New Zealand, and whether the New Zealand Nuclear Free Zone, Disarmament, and Arms Control Act of 1987 prohibits the construction and operation of nuclear power plants (or indeed, whether there are any laws in New Zealand that prohibit these activities). According to Wikipedia (https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Zealand_nuclear-free_zone), the Act does not prohibit these activities, and reading through the Act, it also does not seem to. However, the wording around “nuclear explosive device” is a little ambiguous, and could possibly include nuclear power-generating plants within its scope, so I’d like to hear it from an official source.

Note that this is leaving resources consents and other requirements that would need to be considered completely aside. My question is purely about the legality.

Many thanks,

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