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Tēnā koe Valerie

Thank you for your email of 23 October 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Please provide the material used by the Fast Track Advisory Group for assessing SIRRL's 'Project Kea' as specified in the list of 149/384', including: - Application material provided to the Fast Track Advisory Group; - Official's Summary Papers; - any further clarification or responses from applicants.*

As outlined in my letter of 29 October 2024, the Ministry plans to proactively release material we hold relating to all applications on our website by 28 November 2024. Once published, you will be able to navigate to them through our website at: <https://environment.govt.nz/acts-and-regulations/acts/fast-track-approvals-bill/>.

Therefore, the Ministry must refuse your request at this time under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is soon to be publicly available.

Please note that the material proactively released on our website is likely to include redactions made under section 9 of the Act, particularly under the following withholding grounds:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to refuse this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: [ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz)

Nāku noa, nā

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