

# Hon Chris Bishop

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Wendy Pond

By email: [fyi-request-29615-32499391@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-29615-32499391@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Wendy,

Thank you for your email of 19 December 2024 to the office of the Minister for the Environment, Hon Penny Simmonds, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

*With reference to the NESTF Regulations 2016, and any amendments or changes to the Regulations and the RMA, please provide the relevant documents pertaining to RMA s46A Process for preparing national environmental standards and national policy statements, (1)(ii), why the Minister considers that the proposal is consistent with the purpose of this Act.*

On 22 January 2025, your request was transferred to my office for response under section 14 of the Act, as the information to which your request relates is more closely connected with my functions.

I am refusing your request for documents on any amendments or changes to National Environmental Standards-Telecommunication Facilities (NESTF) regulations. This is because the proposals to amend NESTF are still under policy development and there are no documents pertaining to s 46A of the RMA. Additionally, I do not hold any documents relating to the development of the existing NESTF as this was developed under previous government.

I am advised documents that inform the development of the existing NESTF can be found on the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) website. This information can be found at: <https://environment.govt.nz/acts-and-regulations/regulations/national-environmental-standards-for-telecommunication-facilities/>.

Further information on the NESTF can be found on the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) website at: <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/it-communications-and-broadband/digital-connectivity-programmes/policy-and-regulation>.

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

Please contact my office if you have any queries about this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CB', is positioned above the typed name.

Hon Chris Bishop  
**Minister Responsible for RMA Reform**