



29 April 2026

26-OIAD-00798

Nick Kearney  
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Dear Nick Kearney

Thank you for your email of 27 March 2026 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

*Under the Official Information Act 1982, I request the following information relating to the fast-track consenting application submitted by Auckland Council's Healthy Waters and Flood Resilience department for the Wairau Blue-Green Network Stage 1 flood resilience works at AF Thomas Park, Wairau Valley, Auckland (also referred to as the Ngā Wairau Flood Resilience Project):*

*A copy of the full referral application submitted to the Minister for Infrastructure, including all supporting documents.*

*Any correspondence between the Ministry for the Environment and Auckland Council / Healthy Waters regarding the completeness assessment of the application.*

*Any correspondence between the Minister for Infrastructure's office and the Ministry regarding the referral decision.*

*Any expert panel appointment or process documents relating to this project (if any).*

*If no fast-track application has yet been lodged, any documents confirming the intended consenting pathway for this project.*

I am refusing your request in full under section 18(d) of the Act, as information in-scope of your request is publicly available on the Fast-track website, here:  
<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/nga-wairau-stage-1>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions relating to 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).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information shortly after the response has been sent on our website at: <https://environment.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act-requests/>. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team at: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. W. Bunting".

**Ben Bunting**  
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