



OIA Ref: 2021-047

Privacy

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Official information request for submissions withheld from public release

Kia ora **Privacy**

I am writing in response to your email of 30 July 2021 in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act (OIA):

“all submissions withheld from public release, and in each case, the reason why they were withheld.”

The Climate Change Commission (the Commission) received more than 15,400 submissions on its draft advice to Government. An OIA was lodged with the Commission, requesting the vast majority of these submissions. The requester specifically excluded submissions where consent had not been given to publish. Consequently, these submissions were deemed out of scope of this request and were not released under the OIA.

As the Commission has published all submissions requested under this OIA on its website, I refuse your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, which covers refusals where the information requested does not exist. That said, if you are interested in the submissions the requester excluded from their OIA request (ie those submissions where submitters did not consent to publishing), please let me know.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Kind regards

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Climate Change Commission

