

Ref: OIA 2023-001

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22 March 2023

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]  
scope

Thank you for your email of 24 January 2023 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

On 17 February 2023, we advised you of a 20 working day extension to the timeframe to respond to this request, under Sections 15A(1)(a) and (b) of the Act.

On 21 February 2023, you spoke with Senior Government Services Advisor, Adam McFerran, about refining your request to the following wording:

*“Copies of any minutes from February 2021 to December 2021 from meetings of the CCC with gas companies or suppliers (or their representative groups) on the proposed phase-out of fossil gas in homes and restaurants, as recommended by the Climate Change Commission. (ie. <https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/climate-news/124626848/the-end-of-bbqs-or-a-load-of-hot-air-the-proposed-ban-on-natural-gas-connections>)*

*These companies/suppliers/representatives may include but are not limited to: NZGas, First Gas, Master Plumbers, Energy Resources Aotearoa, and the Major Gas Users Group (MGUG).*

*Any correspondence such as emails or letters (but excluding administrative correspondence and correspondence related to the public consultation process for Ināia tonu nei) from February 2021 to December 2021 with gas companies or suppliers (or their representative groups) on the proposed phase-out of fossil gas in homes and restaurants, as recommended by the Climate Change Commission.*

*Any meeting minutes of other meetings between your agency and gas companies or suppliers (or their representative groups) on the proposed phase-out of fossil gas in homes and restaurants, as recommended by the Climate Change Commission from February 2021 to December 2021”*

### **Our response**

Engagement is at the heart of what we do, and we engage widely with people on our advice – including in the early stages of developing it. Over the time period of your request, whilst developing its advice, the Commission engaged with a broad range of groups.

Because the Commission was also still relatively new at that time, we met with a lot of groups to explain who we are and what our role is in the system. Minutes were not always taken at these meetings. However, where we do hold copies of minutes from meetings and other related correspondence as requested, these have been provided to you along with this response.

The Commission does not accept speaker fees, travel costs, or payment of any kind when undertaking engagement. We assess requests we receive for meetings on their merit and on staff capacity, and our staff reach out to stakeholders related to the advice we are developing to test our thinking and seek insights and evidence to help test our analysis.

The Commission has identified seven documents within scope of your request. These documents and the decisions taken regarding their release are outlined in the document schedule enclosed as Annex One.

Please note, Documents 6 and 7 relate to 'Todd Corporation' and not 'Todd Energy' as indicated in the email domain names showing in the documents.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Office of the Ombudsman, 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)

The Commission has a policy of proactive release of responses to requests made under the Act to help others have access to more information. As a result, this letter will shortly be published on the website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

Ngā mihi



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## Annex One: Document Schedule

#	Type	Date	Title	Decision
1	Emails	11-16 Feb 2021	<i>Network assumptions</i>	Some information has been withheld from the emails under Section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of individuals. Information that is deemed outside the scope of your request has not been included.
2	Emails	27 Feb-10 Mar 2021	<i>9c</i>	Some information has been withheld from the emails under Section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of individuals.
3	Meeting notes	1 Apr 2021	<i>Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board meeting</i>	Released in full
4	Email	19 Apr 2021	<i>Low carbon pathway</i>	Some information has been withheld from the emails under Section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of individuals.
5	Emails	25 Mar-17 May 2021	<i>Questions on electricity modelling</i>	Some information has been withheld from the emails under Section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of individuals.
6	Emails	11-26 Aug 2021	<i>Catch up</i>	Some information has been withheld from the emails under Section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of individuals. Information that is deemed outside the scope of your request has not been included.
7	Email	26 Aug 2021	<i>Catch up between the Climate Change Commission and Todd</i>	Some information has been withheld from the emails under Section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of individuals.