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## Official Information Act Request

Dear ██████████

I refer to your request received on 9 March 2021, for the following information: *“copies of any documentation, correspondence, or other communication you may have had from and with Far North Holdings Limited or Far North District Council in respect of the Rangitane Maritime Development Project ie Rangitane reclamation, boat ramp and jetty rebuild.”*

Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The EPA has responsibilities under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 to support the fast-track consenting process. However, the Rangitane Maritime Development Project has not been the subject of a Fast-Track application. Information provided on the Far North District Council website indicates that the Project will be jointly funded by the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (through its Covid-19 Response and Recovery Fund) and the Far North District Council, which is responsible for the resource consent.

You have asked for official information that has been sent between the EPA and Far North Holdings Limited or Far North District Council, and we have not been a part of the consent process. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e), as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist. For more information on the EPA's Fast-track Consenting work, the current list of projects can be found on our website, <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/status/>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

We will publish your request and our response on our website, [www.epa.govt.nz](http://www.epa.govt.nz), within 10 working days from today. We make OIA responses available so others can read more about the work we do and the questions we are asked. Any information that might identify you will be removed to protect your privacy. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via [ministerials@epa.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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