

# Official Information Act Request

## Requester's details

**Date:** 18 May 2021

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**Reference number:** ENQ-41249-F5X3H9

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request received on 6 April 2021 for the following information:

“correspondence or records of communications between Ports of Auckland and EPA regarding mana whenua values with regard to consent EEZ400011 from the beginning of the application process to now.”

On 5 May 2021, we wrote to you to advise you of an extension to the time limit for our response to 24 May 2021, to allow us to undertake consultation. This consultation has now concluded.

Enclosed is a copy of the response from Ports of Auckland Limited (POAL) to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) regarding the Ngā Kaihautū Tikanga Taiao (Ngā Kaihautū) report and the related email. Some information in the email has been redacted because it is not within the scope of the request. A copy of the Ngā Kaihautū report has also been included for context.

## Ngā Kaihautū Tikanga Taiao

Section 18 of the Environmental Protection Authority Act 2011 established our Māori Advisory Committee, Ngā Kaihautū Tikanga Taiao. The committee provides advice to the Environmental Protection Authority on Māori perspectives. They consider individual applications and any potential effects they may have on tangata whenua. Ngā Kaihautū will also produce reports when requested by the Decision Maker or Decision-Making Committee of an application.

The decision maker for this consent application requested that Ngā Kaihautū produce a report consisting of advice from a Māori perspective. The purpose of the report was to help the decision maker understand a Māori world view of POAL's non-notified marine dumping application.

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)

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via [ministerials@epa.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.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.

Yours sincerely



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