



Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received on 6 April 2021 for the following information:

"any correspondence/communications between EPA and POAL regarding the reasons for applying for consent EEZ400011".

The EPA does not hold any information that falls within the scope of your request, therefore we are refusing under section 18 (g) of the OIA. The information requested is not held by the EPA and we have no grounds for believing that the information is either held by another department or connected more closely with the functions of another department.

However, there are two publicly available documents that explain the reasons for applying for the consent.

The first is the Ports of Auckland Ltd document: *Application for a marine dumping consent to undertake a notified or non-notified activity.*

The relevant section is Section 3 "purpose of the application" (page 5).

This document can be found on the EPA website at:

<https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Marine-Activities-EEZ/Activities/bdb5545f71/POAL-Attachment-1-Prescribed-form-EEZ400011.pdf>

The second document is the Ports of Auckland Ltd document *Application to the Environmental Protection Authority for a Marine Dumping consent to undertake a non-notified activity.*

This document can be found at: <https://www.poal.co.nz/about-us/Documents/Disposal%20of%20dredged%20material%20application%20and%20Impact%20Assessment%2023%20November%202018.pdf>.

The relevant information is as follows:

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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.

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

We will publish your request and our response on our website, 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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Chief Executive