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Via: ██████████

Official Information Act Request

Dear ██████████

I refer to your request received on 28 April 2020, for the following information:

“All correspondence - electronic, written or other - in relation to Otago Regional Council’s planning processes, and/or the call-in of Council’s proposed plans, and/or other water resource matters - between the Environmental Protection Authority and representatives of the Otago Regional Council – including that of Senior Management, staff, consultants and elected councillors specifically between the following dates:

- 1. 21 November 2019 to 27 February 2020; and separately for the period*
- 2. 27 February 2020 and 1 April 2020.”*

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

The EPA plays a role in proposals of national significance, and you can find out more about our work in this area and the Otago Regional Council Plan changes on our website

<https://www.epa.govt.nz/industry-areas/rma-proposals/>.

Please find attached the documentation requested. There are two tables attached to this letter, which show the documentation that has been collected for the two parts of your request. The copies of the correspondence have been attached.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. 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.

Yours sincerely



Michelle Ward
General Manager
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Correspondence table: 21 November 2019 to 27 February 2020

	Date	Type	Documents
1	21 November 2019 – 27 February 2020	n/a	No correspondence

Correspondence table: 27 February 2020 and 1 April 2020

	Date	Type	Documents/notes
1	24 March	Email	01_24March20_EPA-ORC_PDF_RE_ORC_Water_Permit_Plan_Change
2	24 March	Email	02_24March20_EPA-ORC_PDF_RE_Contact_details
3	24 March	Phone	Jillian Kennemore and Peter Constantine discussing background to the proposed plan changes, the reasons for the call in request and the current situation e.g. notification of Water Permit Plan Change and status of Omnibus Plan Change.
4	25 March	Emails	04_25March20_EPA-ORC_PDF_RE_Otago_Regional_Council_Plan_Changes_7_8
5	27 March	Phone	Jillian Kennemore and Peter Constantine seeking clarification of proposed plan changes – including extension to submission period on Plan Change 7 – Water Permits
6	31 March	Email	06_31March20_EPA-ORC_PDF_ORC_plan_change_call_in
7	31 March	Letter	07_31March20_EPA-ORC_PDF_EPA_letter_seeking_updated_ORC_views_on_call_in_request_31March202 07_31March20_EPA-ORC_PDFAttach_EPA_letter_seeking_updated_ORC_views_on_call_in_request_31March202
8	31 March	Phone	Jillian Kennemore and Peter Constantine to discuss EPA letter
9	31 March	Email	09_31March20_EPA-ORC_PDF_Extra_views_from_ORC
10	1 April	Phone	Jillian Kennemore and Peter Constantine to discuss EPA letter
11	1 April	Letter	11_01April20_EPA-ORC_PDF_Response_to_EPA_re_ORC_request_for_Minister_to_call_in_PC7_Omnibus_PC 11_01April20_EPA-ORC_PDFAttach_Response_to_EPA_re_ORC_request_for_Minister_to_call_in_PC7_Omnibus_PC