



Ref: OIA 2024-036

11 October 2024

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request of 20 August 2024 seeking the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- “1. All advice given to He Pou a Rangi (“the Commission”) for the Commission to meet its obligations under section 5M(f) of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (“Act”)*
- 2. All advice given to the Commission for it to meet its consultation obligations to Māori under section 5N of the Act;*
- 3. Details of the Commission’s Ohu Māori (Māori team):*
 - a. When te Ohu Māori became operational;*
 - b. How many kaimahi (staff) worked in the team;*
 - c. When te Ohu Māori was disestablished;*
- 4. Any advice received to inform the decision to disband te Ohu Māori;*
- 5. Documents confirming the disestablishment of te Ohu Māori;*
- 6. Draft sections of the Commission’s 2024 annual monitoring report prepared by te Ohu Māori;*
- 7. External advice received by the Commission to guide future work (to meet the Commission’s obligations to Māori) as referred to on page 108 of the 2024 annual monitoring report at box 7.3.”*

The Commission has considered your request in accordance with the Act.

We appreciate your clarification that you are referring to the 2024 Monitoring Report: Emissions Reduction (ERM), and that your intention regarding “advice given” in items 1 and 2 means advice received by the Commission with respect to how it should operate under the Climate Change Response Act 2002. With respect to item 6, it is helpful to understand that you are referring to the draft sections of the ERM prepared by the Commission’s Ohu Iwi/Māori team before it was disestablished.

We extended the response time for this request from 17 September to 11 October and are grateful for your patience in this regard.

Response

Questions 1&2 – all advice given to the Commission to meet its obligations under 5M(f) of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (CCRA) and its obligations to Māori under 5N of the CCRA.



Please find attached the documents prepared by Māpuna Consultants Limited regarding considerations of the application of section 5M(f) to the Commission's statutory advice. [Documents 1 – 4]

Further, we hold some information on the application of sections 5N and 5M(f) which has been withheld under s 9(2)(h) of the Act to maintain professional legal privilege. We do not consider that withholding this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

3. Details of the Commission's Ohu Māori (Māori Team)

- a. The Group that came to be known as Ohu Iwi/Māori was established in October 2022 under a new Kaiwhakahaere Matua Māori role.
- b. As of 31 December 2023, the Ohu Iwi/Māori Group had five staff.
- c. The Ohu Iwi/Māori team was disestablished on 4 April 2024.

4. Any advice received to inform the decision to disband te Ohu Māori;

The Commission has received no advice to inform the decision to disband the Ohu/Iwi Māori team. This information does not exist, so we rely on section 18(e) of the Act to not supply it.

5. Documents confirming the disestablishment of te Ohu Māori;

Please find attached two documents that informed the Executive Leadership Team [Document 6] and the Board Chair [Document 7] of the changes to the Executive Leadership Structure, including the integration of the Ohu Iwi/Māori roles across the Commission.

Also included is the email message from the Chief Executive to all staff advising of the confirmed changes to the Executive Leadership Team structure. [Document 8]. Please note that we have withheld contact details in reliance on section 9(2)(a) of the Act. We do not consider that withholding this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

6. Draft sections of the Commission's 2024 annual monitoring report prepared by te Ohu Māori

Please find attached the draft chapter of the ERM Report prepared by the Ohu/Iwi Māori team. [Document 9]. Please note that this is a draft, and was not included in the Commission's final monitoring report (Monitoring Report: Emissions Reduction – Assessing progress towards New Zealand's emissions budgets and the 2050 target (July 2024)) which can be accessed on the Commission's website at the following link: [monitoring-report---emissions-reduction---july-2024--final-web-ready.pdf \(climatecommission.govt.nz\)](https://climatecommission.govt.nz/monitoring-report---emissions-reduction---july-2024--final-web-ready.pdf) Accordingly, this document does not necessarily reflect the views of the Commission, except to the extent that it is consistent with the Commission's final monitoring report.

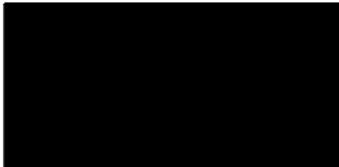
7. External advice received by the Commission to guide future work (to meet the Commission's obligations to Māori) as referred to on page 108 of the 2024 annual monitoring report at box 7.3.

Please find attached the external advice received by the Commission from Poipoia Ltd in relation to guiding its future obligations to Māori as referred to on page 108 of the 2024 annual monitoring report at box 7.3. [Document 10].

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. Contact details for the Ombudsman can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Please note that the Commission proactively releases its responses to requests made under the Act. This is to help ensure others can also have access to this information. As such, this letter will shortly be published on our website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

Nāku noa, nā



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Annex One

Doc #	Document date	Description	Decision
1	08/08/2023	Māpuna Report - 2050 Target Review	Released in full
2	28/08/2023	Māpuna Report - NAP	Released in full
3	11/10/2023	Māpuna Report - IAS	Refused in full
4	16/10/2023	Māpuna Report – EB4	Released in full
5	Various dates	Documents	Withheld under s 9(2)(h)
6	04/04/2024	High level decisions briefing	Released in full
7	04/04/2024	Decision document for Board Chair	Released in full
8	05/04/2024	Email to all staff	Released with contact details withheld under s.9(2)(a)
9	05/03/2024	ERM draft chapter	Released in full
10	11/07/2024	Poipoia Report	Released in full