



4 May 2023

Dear

Re: Official Information Act Request – EECA’s Carbon Zero Certification

Thank you for your email on Tuesday 28 March 2023 in which you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982. You amended your request on Monday 3 April 2023 in which you requested:

1. *How many years has your office been affiliated with Toitū?*
2. *How much does it cost your office to maintain Carbon Zero certification, including fees from Toitū and costs related to meeting these requirements?*
 - a. *If different, what were the initial up-front costs to achieve compliance with certification standards and achieve certification in the first place?*
3. *Does the office plan to achieve Carbon Positive certification, and if so, why, and under what timeframe?*
 - a. *If not, why?*
 - b. *Why did the office choose to pursue CarbonZero certification as opposed to Carbon Reduce?*
4. *Has the office considered other certification/auditors, or in-house auditing of their climate emissions as an alternative to Toitū?*
5. *Please provide copy of any contracts signed, any other applicable conditions or criteria your agency must abide by as part of accreditation.*

Please find EECA’s response to questions one to four attached to this email as Appendix One.

EECA’s response to question 5 is included in Appendix two. A breakdown of Appendix Two is below:

Item #	Name of document:	Decision:
1	20090722 contract for services 2009	Release in full.
2	20100917 carboNZero Contract for Services - 2010	Release in full.
3	20120109 Signed Consultancy EECA 2011	Release in full.

4	20110614_Contract_EECA 2011-2014	Release in full.
5	20151102_CEMARS contract FY13-17 Final	Release in full.
6	20220921 Toitu Envirocare (2146)	Release in full.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.eeca.govt.nz/about/news-and-corporate/official-information/> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



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