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27 March 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act Request – Content relating to Kapuni Gas Plant & CO2 Shortage

Thank you for your email on 27 February in which you requested:

Copies of any reports, documents, minutes, briefing notes, memoranda, correspondence, legal advice, aide memoires, texts or emails, both internal and external mentioning the Kapuni Gas Plant/or the CO2 shortage dated December 2022 onwards. This includes drafts, appendices and attachments.

The information sought in this request is to be used as part of reporting about the CO2 shortage.

EECA and CO2:

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) offers free tools and information to aide businesses on their decarbonisation journeys. We also offer a range of co-funding opportunities for eligible businesses. For further information on what EECA provides funding for, please visit <https://www.eeca.govt.nz/co-funding/>

EECA and MBIE have been collaborating to provide helpful information for businesses that both outlines EECA’s co-funding criteria and points to current options at EECA and across government. You will note in our response, that we have consistently redacted some draft lines throughout the pdfs – email subject “Formal response on GID1 for Brewers Guild” (note- this was for the Brewers Association, not the Brewers Guild). The final cross-agency statement that this material contributed to, focused on CO2 support for businesses, can be found here, <https://www.business.govt.nz/risks-and-operations/equipment-premises-and-assets/co2-support/>. EECA has also consistently redacted a draft media statement, titled “Stuff Story on CO2”. EECA did not send a final response to the publisher due to a delay in timing.

The material which falls within scope of your request is outlined in the below table:

Item	Type	Decision
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1	Email correspondence	Release in part <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 9(2)(a)- 9(2)(g)(i)
2	Email correspondence	Release in part <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 9(2)(a)- 9(2)(b)(ii)- 9(2)(g)(i)- 9(2)(f)(iv)
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5	Email correspondence	Release in part <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 9(2)(a)- 9(2)(b)(ii)
6	Email correspondence	Release in part <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 9(2)(a)
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8	Email correspondence	Release in part <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 9(2)(a)- 9(2)(b)(ii)- 9(2)(g)(i)- 9(2)(f)(iv)- Out of Scope
9	Email correspondence	Release in part <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 9(2)(b)(i)

10	Email correspondence	Release in part - 9(2)(a) - 9(2)(g)(i)
11	Email correspondence	Release in part - 9(2)(a) - 9(2)(b)(ii) - 9(2)(g)(i)

The documents listed in the above table are subject to information being withheld under the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

- Personal contact details, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
- Protecting information where making available the information would unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is subject to the information, under section 9(2)(b)(ii).
- Maintaining the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions, under section 9(2)(g)(i).

EECA has interpreted this request to exclude content about previous OIAs, Ministerials, and general administrative content.

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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