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9 July 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act Request: NDAs

Thank you for your email on 17 June 2026 in which you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982. In summary, you requested:

“Since 23 November 2023:

- 1. How many working groups, advisory groups, reference groups, expert panels, stakeholder groups, or similar bodies administered by your agency have required participants to sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA), confidentiality agreement, or confidentiality undertaking as a condition of participation?*
- 2. Please provide the figure for each of:*
 - 23 November 2023 to 31 December 2023*
 - 2024*
 - 2025*
 - 2026 to date*
- 3. Please provide any current policy, guidance, or criteria governing when such agreements may be required.”*

In response to your request:

No working groups, advisory groups, reference groups, expert panels, stakeholder groups, or similar bodies administered by EECA have required participants to sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA), confidentiality agreement, or confidentiality undertaking as a condition of participation.

EECA also does not have any current policy, guidance or criteria governing when such agreements may be required.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Bell', is positioned above the printed name.

Murray Bell
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