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31 March 2026

Dear 9(2)(a)

Re: Official Information Act Request: Open Country Dairy

Thank you for your email on 05 March 2026 in which you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982. In summary, for the three Open Country Dairy GIDI projects you requested:

1. *'Evaluation report from Technical Advisory Group*
2. *Recommendation from Assessment Panel*
3. *Subsequent reporting:*
 - *Quarterly progress reports*
 - *Confirmation of asset performance*
4. *Any emails regarding encouragement by EECA to share story and results'*

Please refer to **Appendix One** and **the attached documents** for EECA's response to your request.

Some information is being withheld pursuant to the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
- 9(2)(b)(ii) - to protect information where making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is subject to the information.

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
Group Manager, Policy and Regulation

Appendix One: Relevant Excerpts from Round 5 GIDI Assessment Panel Funding Recommendations Report.

Excerpts from Table 1: Assessment Panel recommendations for approved GIDI funding (Page 13):

Project Background					Requested			Recommended		Panel Comments	
GIDI Ref #	Organisation Name	Proposal Title	Base case technology	Primary Technology for funding	Incremental capital cost	EECA Co-funding sought	Co-funding Ratio	EECA Co-funding Amount \$	Co-funding Ratio	Panel Consensus Comment	Recommended Offer (Conditions of Approval/Current Conditions)*
05-030	Open Country Dairy Limited	High Pressure Electrode Boiler and High Temperature Heat Pumps	Coal Boilers	Electrode Boiler and High Temperature Heat Pumps	████████	\$ 17,696,150	████████	\$ 17,696,150	50.0%	Agree full funding with conditions re: clawback around boiler use and retention, ongoing reporting, commissioning on time.	Clawback condition if coal boiler used >84 days \$X (TBC) amount t of CO ₂ . Reporting use, 3 years reporting after commissioning, 40% co-funding +10% if commissioned on time. Boiler retention.

Excerpts from Table 1: Assessment Panel recommendations for approved GIDI funding (Page 17):

Applicant ID	Organisation Name	Average Annual Abatement	Discounted emission reduction up to 31 Dec 2030 as per FAT	Discounted Lifetime Abatement	Undiscounted emission reduction up to 31 Dec 2030 as per FAT	Undiscounted Lifetime abatement (Asset life)	Discounted Abatement cost to EECA EB1&2 (\$/tCO _{2e})	Discounted Abatement Cost to EECA (\$/tCO _{2e} Lifetime FAT)
05-030	Open Country Dairy Limited	44,138	204,759	464,628	264,833	838,636	\$ 86.40	\$ 38.10

Excerpts from Table 6: Portfolio of recommended projects across technologies and sectors (Pages 20-21):

Category	Technology	Number of Projects	Recommended Projects (Note: recommended projects may contain more than one type of technology)
Electrification	Warm Mix Asphalt Ammann Foaming Device	2	05-009 Higgins Contractors Ltd 05-012 Higgins Contractors Ltd
	Heat Pumps	5	05-011 Alliance Group Limited 05-013 Alliance Group Limited 05-021 Preens Apparel/Master Limited 05-008 Rainbow Park Nurseries Limited 05-030 Open Country Dairy Limited
	Electric Boiler	4	05-022 AFPCO New Zealand Limited 05-006 Alliance Group Limited 05-028 Lion NZ Limited 05-027 Tip Top Ice Cream Company Limited
	Electric Furnace	1	05-017 Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited
	Electric Motors	1	05-002 Topuni Timber Limited
	Electrode Boiler	2	05-026 Coca-Cola Europacific Partners NZ Ltd 05-030 Open Country Dairy Limited

Sector	Number of Projects	Recommended Projects
Dairy Product Manufacturing	1	Open Country Dairy Ltd