

9(2)(a)

24/02/2026

Dear 9(2)(a)

Re: Official Information Act Request: Waste Oil

Thank you for your email on 26 January 2026, in which you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982. You requested:

1. A copy of the commissioning request for the Enerlytica report, and information on what instigated EECA to undertake this research.
2. A list of companies interviewed for the report, including whether anyone at 9(2)(a) was contacted. As well as who has received the report.

In response to the first part of your request, the EECA commissioning request for this report is attached as Appendix 1.

As for the second part of your request, while EECA recognises the importance of transparency around publicly funded research, the identities of individual research participants were not provided to EECA and are held by the researcher under confidentiality and ethical obligations. As a standard policy Enerlytica maintains confidentiality for all their contributors. EECA therefore refuses this element of your request under 9(2)(ba)(i).¹

However, for the purposes of transparency, we have sourced from the researcher the categories of individuals or companies who contributed to this report. These include:

¹ 9(2)(ba)(i): To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

- eight used oil collectors/resellers/traders,
- a related industry body,
- two boiler suppliers/engineering companies in the used oil boiler space, and
- three used oil customers.

We understand that **9(2)(a)** was interviewed as part of this engagement in January 2024.

In terms of who received the report, it was shared internally, shared with some government agencies including the Ministry for the Environment and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, and some interested businesses such as Fulton Hogan, Vegetables NZ and Tomatoes NZ. It has not been widely shared externally as it was primarily commissioned for internal awareness to gain a better understanding of the waste oil market (supply & demand and future forecasts).

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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