



22 April 2024

OIAD-1022

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Tēnā koe 9(2)a,

Thank you for your email of 22 March 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide all information held regarding the award of Plastics Innovation funding to Licella, Oji Fibre Solutions, Plasback, Silver Fern Farms, and Woolworths New Zealand for a plastics chemical recycling project.

The Ministry for the Environment has identified four documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule. Some information within these documents has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā,

Michelle Kazor,

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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	26 March 2024	APP - Project Aranga (Resurrection) – ka taea te porohita kirihou; enabling plastic circularity 26-03-2024	Released in part	9(2)(b)(ii)
2	2023	Ass IM 2023 Licella Advanced Recycling Assessment coversheet	Released in part	9(2)(b)(ii)
3	26 March 2024	COIP - Te Hā o Papatūānuku 26-03-2024	Released in full	N/A
4	June 2022	TOR supplied with EOI - surrounding information	Released in full	N/A