


13 April 2026

Ref: OIA 26029



Tēnā koe 

I refer to your request for official information received on 26 February 2026:

“In accordance with section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982, I request to be provided with all material held by the EPA relating to its decision under section 46 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 on the “Kings Quarry Expansion – Stage 2” substantive application.”

On 3 March 2026 your request was clarified to:

“The EPA has a statutory responsibility to decide if an application is “complete and within scope” under s 46 of the FTAA... The record of the decision that is available on the fast-track website is a 1 page document which I attach. In response to your request for further detail:

I request to be provided with all correspondence, advice, and decision documents relating to this section 46 decision on the Kings Quarry application.”

The information you have requested is listed in the table below and attached.

Number	Date	Title	Decision
1.	5 February 2025	Instrument of Delegation Board to CE	Released in full
2.	5 February 2025	Instrument of Delegation CE to Staff	Released in full
3.	13 May 2025	Fast track application form	Released in full
4.	14 May 2025	Letter EPA to Auckland Council – Consultation on substantive application	Released in full
5.	14 May 2025	Letter EPA to Ministry for the Environment (MfE) – Consultation on substantive application	Released in full
6.	14 May 2025	Letter EPA to Department of Conservation (DOC) – Consultation on substantive application	Released in full
7.	20 May 2025	Letter from MfE to EPA – response to consultation	Released in full

8.	21 May to 23 May 2025	Emails: Auckland Council and EPA re consultation	Released in part s9(2)(a)
9.	21 May 2025	Attachment to email: Auckland Council – response to consultation	Released in full
10.	21 May 2025	DOC response to consultation	Released in full
11.	26 May 2025	Letter EPA to Barker and Associates on behalf of King’s Quarry Limited – Urgent request for missing information	Released in part s9(2)(a)
12.	27 May 2025	Letter Barker and Associates to EPA – Response to request for missing information	Released in full
13.	27 May 2025	Attachment 1: Updated Completed Application Form	Refused in full s18(d)
14.	27 May 2025	Attachment 2: Abatement Notice	Released in part s9(2)(a)
15.	28 May 2025	Memorandum on Completeness and Scope	Released in full
16.	3 June 2025	Climate, Land and Oceans Sign-off Cover Sheet	Released in full
17.	4 June 2025	Letter EPA to Barker & Associates – Decision on Completeness	Released in full
18.	June 2025	Decision on Completeness and Scope	Refused in full s18(d)
19.	4 June 2025	Email: FTAA Kings Quarry Expansion Stage 2 - Section 46 completeness	Released in part s9(2)(a)

Some of the information listed in the table above has been withheld under the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

In addition, four email trails and one memo falling within scope of your request have been withheld in full under section 9(2)(h) of the OIA – to maintain legal professional privilege.

We consider there is good reason to withhold this information that outweighs the public interest in making it available.

The updated completed application form (Document 13 – attachment to Document 12) is publicly available on the fast-track website: [Substantive application](#). The decision under section 46 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (Document 18) is also available on the Fast-track website: [Kings Quarry Expansion – Stages 2 and 3](#). Therefore, I am refusing these parts of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA – that the information requested is publicly available.

I hope this information is helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via [ministerials@epa.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.nz).

We may publish your request and our response on our website, [www.epa.govt.nz](http://www.epa.govt.nz). We make OIA responses available so others can read more about the work we do and the questions we are asked. Any information that might identify you will be removed to protect your privacy.

Nāku noa nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Preece', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Richard Preece  
**Acting General Manager, Climate, Land and Oceans**