

Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

Date: 15 June 2021

Name: [REDACTED]

Job title: [REDACTED]

Organisation: Beach Energy Resources NZ (Kupe) Limited

Email: [REDACTED]@beachenergy.com.au

Reference number: ENQ-41472-B8V9Y0

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request received on 23 April 2021 for the following information about the ownership of the KS-2 well:

“Please also provide us with any legal advice that the EPA relies on for its position, along with any relevant information that the EPA obtained from MBIE, so that we may consider it.”

Your request has been interpreted as a request for legal advice that the Environmental Protection Authority relies on for its position of liability under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 of the reported unauthorised discharge from the KS-2 wellhead in the Kupe oil field, and any relevant information obtained from the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment.

On 24 May 2021, we wrote to you to advise you of an extension to the time limit for our response to 15 June 2021 to allow us to properly consider your request.

We consider there are good reasons to withhold some of the information you have requested under section 6(c) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) as the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and right to a fair trial. We have made available the information where there were not good reasons to withhold the information in the scope of your request. That information is enclosed.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via ministerials@epa.govt.nz

We will publish your request and our response on our website, www.epa.govt.nz, within 10 working days from today. 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S Quayle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Siobhan Quayle
Group General Manager,
Regulatory Systems and Operations