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8 September 2021

Dear ██████

**Re: OIA request – Fossil fuel vehicles ban**

Thank you for your enquiry of 15 June 2021 in which you request:

- *“ Any communications, documents, agendas, meeting minutes/notes, briefing/discussion papers, advice, conversations etc relating to the potential banning of importing fossil fuel cars at a certain date, or any conversations about/with other countries that are doing this. This includes (but is not limited to) any advice/discussions about the contents of CCC's draft or final advice, or anything relating to this topic and the Emissions Reduction Plan, potential and actual. I am happy to limit the timeline of information I am requesting from the 23 October 2020 to the 15th June 2021.”*

The following EECA documents are within scope of your request:

- EECA's comments on the Ministry of Transport's Emission Reduction Plan discussion document
- EECA's submission to the Climate Change Commission's draft advice
- February 2021 EECA Board Agenda Item - EECA submission to the Climate Change Commission's 2021 draft advice for consultation

The first document is being withheld under s9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, which relates to protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. Future policy options to address transport emissions are under active consideration. The Government plans to actively consult on the Emissions Reduction Plan later this year, which will set out proposed actions in transport and other sectors.

EECA's submission to the Climate Change Commission draft advice is publicly available and can be found at <https://www.eeca.govt.nz/assets/EECA-Resources/Research-papers-guides/EECA-submission-to-the-Climate-Change-Commission-2021.pdf>.

Below is a paragraph from the February 2021 EECA Board Agenda Item *EECA submission to the Climate Change Commission's 2021 draft advice for consultation*, which is in scope of your request. The rest of the document is not within scope.

*EECA agrees that it will be necessary for New Zealand to set a date from which the importation/manufacture/assembly of light internal combustion engine vehicles will not be allowed. With the target year of the Clean Car Import Standard being 2025, and many of our trading partners adopting similar policies, it seems appropriate to set this date some time between 2030 and 2035, as suggested by the Commission.*

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman about the decision to withhold information. You can do this by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by writing to the Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10-152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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