

From: Sam Fleming
To: Doug Watt
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: OIA request and request to meet
Date: Friday, 17 September 2021 12:44:16 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Great, thanks Doug

From: Doug Watt S9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 17 September 2021 12:40 pm
To: Sam Fleming S9(2)(a)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: OIA request and request to meet

A response will be with you shortly.
Doug

From: Sam Fleming S9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 17 September 2021 12:33 pm
To: Doug Watt S9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: OIA request and request to meet

Hi Doug

We'll take silence as confirmation that the Authority will not engage with Meridian on this subject at this time.

Regards
Sam

From: Sam Fleming
Sent: Tuesday, 14 September 2021 11:14 am
To: 'Doug Watt' S9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: OIA request and request to meet

Kia ora Doug

Sorry to nag but should we expect a reply to this email or take silence as confirmation that the Authority will not engage with Meridian on this subject at this time?

It'd be good to know one way or the other.

Ngā mihi

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From: Sam Fleming
Sent: Tuesday, 7 September 2021 1:16 pm
To: 'Doug Watt' S9(2)(a)
Subject: OIA request and request to meet

Hi Doug

A couple of things:

1. Thanks for asking Ralph to pass on the attached MEUG briefings. I'm unclear whether the Authority still intends to respond to my OIA request or if the implication is that these briefings are everything in scope of the request and therefore no further response is required? In addition to the original request, we'd also like to know whether MEUG representatives met with Authority staff and/or Board members on each of these briefing dates – 23 April 2021 and 30 July 2021 – and who was at those meetings.
2. Following up on our phone conversation of Friday last week, I'd also like you to reconsider meeting with Meridian representatives to discuss the reduced thermal commitment seen in the last couple of years and the impact that has on the way that hydro offers are developed to manage storage and security of supply. If the Authority's position is still that it will not meet with or hear from us, could you please confirm that in writing? A refusal to meet and discuss anything that might in some way be linked to the broadly-scoped wholesale market review would be disappointing, especially in light of:
 - the attached information which clearly shows the Authority has already engaged in multiple conversations over a period of months with some participants on a topic the Authority has itself directly linked to the review in the Market Brief of 31 August 2021; and
 - the fact that reviews under section 16(1)(g) of the Act occur regularly and have not in the past prevented participants engaging with the Authority.

I look forward to hearing from you and would be happy to discuss timing if the Authority is open to meeting with us.

Kind regards

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