

From: [OIA](#)
To: [LabourResearch](#)
Cc: [OIA](#)
Subject: RE: [External] OIA request
Date: Thursday, 16 April 2026 4:05:16 pm
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Kia ora **S9(2)(a)**

Thank you for your request of 12 February 2026, under the Official Information Act 1982. Please find attached the Electricity Authority's response. If you have any questions regarding our response, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi nui,

Alex Shearer ([she/her](#))

Senior Ministerial Advisor



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From: OIA

Sent: Thursday, 12 March 2026 4:57 pm

To: LabourResearch

Cc: OIA

Subject: RE: [External] OIA request

Kia ora **S9(2)(a)**

I refer to your official information request dated 12 February 2026 for:

Copies of all draft advice, draft briefings, draft Cabinet papers, including any comments by Ministers relating to the LNG import facility proposal, including drafts that were not finalised or provided to Ministers.

Copies of all advice, analysis, modelling, briefings, reports, or estimates prepared by your organisation that assess or discuss:

- *the expected cost of LNG imports to New Zealand; and*
- *the impact of LNG costs on electricity generation and prices, including any advice provided to the Electricity Authority Board.*

Copies of all advice, modelling, or analysis on the likely impact of an LNG import terminal on wholesale electricity prices in New Zealand, including short-term and long-term impacts.

Copies of any advice received or prepared by your organisation that considers alternatives to LNG imports for de-risking electricity prices or supply.

The OIA requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, to **16 April 2026**.

This extension is necessary because your request necessitates a search through a large

quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with our operations.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision.

Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui,

Alex Shearer ([she/her](#))

Senior Ministerial Advisor



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From: OIA <oia@ea.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 13 February 2026 2:49 pm

To: LabourResearch <LabourResearch@parliament.govt.nz>

Cc: OIA <oia@ea.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: [External] OIA request

Kia ora **S9(2)(a)**

Thank you for your request of 12 February 2026, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

Copies of all draft advice, draft briefings, draft Cabinet papers, including any comments by Ministers relating to the LNG import facility proposal, including drafts that were not finalised or provided to Ministers.

Copies of all advice, analysis, modelling, briefings, reports, or estimates prepared by your organisation that assess or discuss:

- *the expected cost of LNG imports to New Zealand; and*
- *the impact of LNG costs on electricity generation and prices, including any advice provided to the Electricity Authority Board.*

Copies of all advice, modelling, or analysis on the likely impact of an LNG import terminal on wholesale electricity prices in New Zealand, including short-term and long-term impacts.

Copies of any advice received or prepared by your organisation that considers alternatives to LNG imports for de-risking electricity prices or supply.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than **12 March 2026**, being 20 working days after the day your request was received.

If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me by emailing oia@ea.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi nui,

Alex Shearer ([she/her](#))

Senior Ministerial Advisor



From: LabourResearch <LabourResearch@parliament.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 12 February 2026 2:44 pm

To: OIA <oia@ea.govt.nz>

Subject: [External] OIA request

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Kia ora,

Under the OIA I request

Copies of all draft advice, draft briefings, draft Cabinet papers, including any comments by Ministers relating to the LNG import facility proposal, including drafts that were not finalised or provided to Ministers.

Copies of all advice, analysis, modelling, briefings, reports, or estimates prepared by your organisation that assess or discuss:

- the expected cost of LNG imports to New Zealand; and
- the impact of LNG costs on electricity generation and prices, including any advice provided to the Electricity Authority Board.

Copies of all advice, modelling, or analysis on the likely impact of an LNG import terminal on wholesale electricity prices in New Zealand, including short-term and long-term impacts.

Copies of any advice received or prepared by your organisation that considers alternatives to LNG imports for de-risking electricity prices or supply.

Thank you,

S9(2)(a)

Researcher

Labour Leader's Office

Authorised by Chris Hipkins MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

From: [OIA](#)
To: [OIA](#); [LabourResearch](#)
Subject: RE: [External] OIA Request
Date: Wednesday, 3 June 2026 4:57:26 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora **S9(2)(a)**

Just a quick follow-up email to note that the Appendix sent to you earlier was mis-named, but is the correct document for this response (our reference OIA-26-0035).

Ngā mihi

Simon Skews-Poole (he/him)
Senior Ministerial Advisor



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From: OIA <oia@ea.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 3 June 2026 4:47 pm
To: OIA <oia@ea.govt.nz>; LabourResearch <LabourResearch@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [External] OIA Request

Kia ora **S9(2)(a)**

Please find attached a response to your OIA request.

If you have any further questions, please reply to oia@ea.govt.nz

Ngā mihi

Simon Skews-Poole (he/him)
Senior Ministerial Advisor



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From: OIA <oia@ea.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 7 May 2026 11:12 am
To: LabourResearch <LabourResearch@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: OIA <oia@ea.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [External] OIA Request

Kia ora **S9(2)(a)**

Thank you for your request of 5 May 2026, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

Under the OIA I request copies of

- 1. All briefings, scoping papers, other documentation concerning plug-in / balcony solar and batteries.*
- 2. What regulatory changes that would be required to enable plug-in solar / balcony solar and batteries.*
- 3. Any work the EA is currently progressing on plug-in / balcony solar and batteries and the scope and timeline for this.*

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 3 June 2026, being 20 working days after the day your request was received.

If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me by emailing oia@ea.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi nui,

Alex Shearer ([she/her](#))
Senior Ministerial Advisor



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From: LabourResearch <LabourResearch@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 5 May 2026 5:07 pm
To: OIA <oia@ea.govt.nz>

Subject: [External] OIA Request

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Kia ora,

Under the OIA I request copies of

1. All briefings, scoping papers, other documentation concerning plug-in / balcony solar and batteries.
2. What regulatory changes that would be required to enable plug-in solar / balcony solar and batteries.
3. Any work the EA is currently progressing on plug-in / balcony solar and batteries and the scope and timeline for this.

Thank you,

S9(2)(a)

| Researcher

Labour Leader's Office

Authorised by Chris Hipkins MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

From: [OIA](#)
To: [OIA](#); [LabourResearch](#)
Subject: RE: [External] OIA Request
Date: Thursday, 18 June 2026 11:24:00 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora **S9(2)(a)**

I refer to your official information request on 22 May for:

- *all correspondence between the Electricity Authority and Transpower New Zealand Limited concerning the Lake Pukaki Hydro Storage and Dam Resilience Works project within the last year.*
- *all Electricity Authority documents that discuss Transpower's role or position in relation to the Lake Pukaki Hydro Storage and Dam Resilience Works project within the last year.*

The OIA requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, to Thursday 16 July 2026.

This extension is necessary because of the consultation necessary to make a decision on your request. Meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with our operations.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact uia@ea.govt.nz

Kind regards,

Simon Skews-Poole (he/him)
Senior Ministerial Advisor



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From: OIA <oia@ea.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 22 May 2026 3:50 pm
To: LabourResearch <LabourResearch@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: OIA <oia@ea.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [External] OIA Request

Kia ora **S9(2)(a)**

Thank you for your request of 22 May 2026, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

- *all correspondence between the Electricity Authority and Transpower New Zealand Limited concerning the Lake Pukaki Hydro Storage and Dam Resilience Works project within the last year.*
- *all Electricity Authority documents that discuss Transpower's role or position in relation to the Lake Pukaki Hydro Storage and Dam Resilience Works project within the last year.*

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 22 June 2026, being 20 working days after the day your request was received.

If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me by emailing oia@ea.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi nui,

Alex Shearer ([she/her](#))
Senior Ministerial Advisor



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Sent: Friday, 22 May 2026 2:26 pm
To: OIA <oia@ea.govt.nz>

Subject: [External] OIA Request

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Under the OIA I request copies of the following-

- all correspondence between the Electricity Authority and Transpower New Zealand Limited concerning the Lake Pukaki Hydro Storage and Dam Resilience Works project within the last year.
- all Electricity Authority documents that discuss Transpower's role or position in relation to the Lake Pukaki Hydro Storage and Dam Resilience Works project within the last year.

Thank you,

S9(2)(a)

Researcher

Labour Leader's Office

Authorised by Chris Hipkins MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington

From: [OIA](#)
To: [LabourResearch](#)
Subject: RE: OIA Request
Date: Thursday, 16 July 2026 1:28:55 pm
Attachments: [OIA-26-0040 Response.pdf](#)
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Kia ora S9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request of 22 May 2026, under the Official Information Act 1982.

Please find attached the Authority's response. If you have any questions regarding our response, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Rainer Macalister ([he/him](#))
Senior Ministerial Advisor



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Kia ora,

Under the OIA I request copies of the following-

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Limited concerning the Lake Pukaki Hydro Storage and Dam Resilience Works project within the last year.

- all Electricity Authority documents that discuss Transpower's role or position in relation to the Lake Pukaki Hydro Storage and Dam Resilience Works project within the last year.

Thank you,

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Researcher

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