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Thank you for your email of 13 June 2017 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Since 1 May 2017

"Copies of all reports, briefings, reports, memos, meeting notes and other relevant papers regarding water allocation with Iwi on the Waikato River."

"Copies of all correspondence to and from the Waikato River Authority water allocation with Iwi on the Waikato River."

Your request to the Ministry of Justice was transferred to me for response, as responsibility for monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) rests with the Ministry for the Environment.

The scope of first part of the OIA has been interpreted as capturing all reports, briefings, reports, memos, meeting notes and other relevant papers relating to discussions with Iwi on the Waikato River about water allocation. The scope of second part of the OIA has been interpreted as capturing all correspondence to and from the Waikato River Authority regarding water allocation for Iwi on the Waikato River.

Documents that are owned by Te Puni Kōkiri are not included in this response as they are being handled in the response prepared by Te Puni Kōkiri.

The only document held that contains information falling within the scope of your request are the notes from the Waikato and Waipā River Review meeting. The majority of the meeting notes are out of scope. The relevant parts of the meeting notes are being released and are attached.



Under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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For consideration by the Crown and five River Iwi	
Issue	River Iwi Recommendation
<p>Water Management Regimes</p>  <p>The Crown has acknowledged that if it creates or disposes of any property right or interest in the Waikato River or creates a statutory or other process to create or dispose of any property right then the relevant River Iwi must be engaged directly in the first instance.</p> 	<p>River iwi recommend that the Crown immediately provide direction to local authorities that ownership of the Waikato and Waipaa Rivers was not resolved as part of the Waikato and Waipaa River settlement and therefore any water management regimes (allocation, take, and use) including Water Council Controlled Organisations, must involve the active participation of River Iwi of that area at all levels to maintain and uphold the integrity of the settlement.</p>

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