



Official Information request reference: 2021-012

5 March 2021

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 5 February 2021 for the following:

*"Is it possible to get a copy of the ENZ model to test the sensitivity of the results different assumptions?"*

The Commission fully intends to make the ENZ model publicly available. When contracting the development of this model, we specified a requirement for it to be open source with supporting documentation on how the model works. This contract has not yet been concluded.

Given that the work on the open source version and documentation has not been completed yet, we are refusing your request for the model under section 18 (d) of the Act as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

In releasing our draft advice for consultation, we are not consulting on our models. Our consultation is focused on the areas required under the Climate Change Response Act (2002). Acknowledging the interest in the models, we have made a range of information publicly available. The models have gone through internal quality assurance processes, had input and review from the Commission's modelling reference group, and been independently peer reviewed by international experts and Aotearoa specialists. They have been described as fit for purpose by the reviewers. These reviews and further information are available on the Commission's website.

As part of responding to your request, we have considered the public interest in whether the information could be made available before the completion of the contracted work. Unfortunately, ENZ currently includes information that is commercially sensitive, proprietary, and/or provided to the Commission in confidence. As such, the Commission is withholding this information under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(b)(2) - would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
- 9(2)(ba)(i) protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information— would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

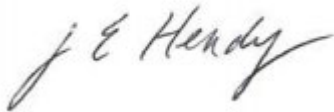
Whilst we are unable to release the ENZ model at this stage, the Commission has made every effort to ensure relevant information is available on our website. In line with other government agencies, our modelling assumptions, inputs and results are available and can be accessed here: <https://www.climatecommission.govt.nz/get-involved/sharing-our-thinking/data-and-modelling/>

We believe there is sufficient information available on the models to allow for informed submissions on the draft advice. We anticipate the open source versions of the models, with supporting documentation will be ready for release between June and the end of July 2021. We will be in touch with you when this information is available.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that the Commission has a policy to proactively release OIA responses to help others have access to more information. Consequently, this letter will be published on our website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo Hendy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jo Hendy  
**Chief Executive**  
**Climate Change Commission**