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Rowan Ashton  
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Dear Rowan

Thank you for your email of 23 February 2023 requesting the final document for the proposed Hauraki Gulf Fisheries Plan. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

*Could you please send through a copy of the group's advice [B22-0533] that was provided to the Minister on the draft plan? We saw a draft but not the final.*

Please see attached as part of this email, a final version of the B22-0533 document titled "Hauraki Gulf Fisheries Plan Consultation."

Some information has been withheld pursuant to the following section(s) of the OIA:

- Section 9(2)(a) – *to protect the privacy of natural persons.*
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) – *to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.*
- Section 9(2)(ba)(i) – *to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.*

I am satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. You are advised of your right to raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. You can contact the Ombudsman at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Nash'.

Hon Stuart Nash  
**Minister for Oceans and Fisheries**