

# Hon Chris Bishop

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Rt Hon Simon Upton  
Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment  
*By email: c/- Matthew.Paterson@pce.parliament.nz*

Dear Simon,

Thank you for your letter of 30 April 2025 to Hon Judith Collins KC, Hon Dr Shane Reti, Hon Chris Penk, Hon Penny Simmonds, and me about developing a federated information system for environmental information.

The Minister for the Environment, Hon Penny Simmonds, holds primary responsibility for environmental data and information, and is therefore leading a substantive response to your letter.

I also want to acknowledge your letter and to thank you for your leadership on environmental reporting. I appreciate the time you have taken to share your deep knowledge and the system-wide framing you have provided. I look forward to reading your report.

Thank you again for your correspondence on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bishop'.

Hon Chris Bishop  
**Minister Responsible for RMA Reform**

Cc: Hon Judith Collins KC, Minister for Digitising Government  
Hon Dr Shane Reti, Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister of Statistics  
Hon Simon Watts, Minister of Climate Change, Minister of Local Government  
Hon Chris Penk, Minister for Land Information  
Hon Penny Simmonds, Minister for the Environment  
Hon Andrew Hoggard, Associate Minister for the Environment  
Simon Court MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform