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There is no information in scope of your request, as the Ministry does not hold existing information that specifically answers your questions.

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[www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/system/paperclip/document\\_files/document\\_files/2465/original/making\\_oi\\_requests\\_-\\_guide\\_for\\_requesters.pdf](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/system/paperclip/document_files/document_files/2465/original/making_oi_requests_-_guide_for_requesters.pdf).

As that document explains (page 7):

*There is a difference between:*

- questions which can be answered by providing information already known to and held by the agency (official information); and
- questions which require the agency to form an opinion or provide an explanation and so create new information to answer the request (not official information).

We will therefore not be considering this as an Official Information Act request.

Nga mihi nui

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To the Executive Relations Team (MFE),

Thank you for your reply to my OIA request, but it fails to coherently address my question asked: *where in MFE doctrine are the Universal Human Life Needs/Necessities named? And connected?*

The complete and universal set of means of life which all humans require to flourish as human are:

- breathable air, sense-open space, and daily light

- (atmospheric means of life)
- clean water, nourishing foods and self-waste disposal
- (bodily means of life)
- shelter space from the elements with ample provision to retire, sleep and function
- (home means of life)
- environmental surroundings whose elements and contours contribute to the whole
- (environmental means of life)
- intimate love, social inclusion, safety and healthcare when ill or infirm
- (caring means of life)
- activities of language-logos/art-play to choose and learn from
- (educational/recreational means of life)
- meaningful work or service to perform
- (vocational means of life)
- self-governing choice in each's enjoyment consistent with each's provision
- (social justice)

Converse: *Any priced commodity which does not directly or indirectly provide means of life/life goods for these needs is uneconomic, and anti-economic to the extent of life resources wasted on the commodity's production and consumption (eg., non-growth addictive commodities).*

These Human Needs **are not all named** in the information you provided. And they certainly are **not connected** throughout *as one in complex meaning*.

For example,

Page 8 - "The environment" - "The environment is important to New Zealanders for many reasons. It supplies our most basic needs: [clean air, water, food, and a place to live]."

**This is a truncated assessment - where are the rest of the Human Needs even recognised? There are objectively more than stated here.**

Page 19 - "Another driver of change is *increasing resource scarcity*, meaning harder choices need to be made on resource use and allocation."

**By what criterion** are these choices made **in the context of Human Needs vs. Human Wants?**

Page 23 - "marine resources are used in an increasingly sustainable and innovative way, with people understanding the benefits of sustainable use of marine resources and we can more clearly articulate why we need to invest in natural capital"

**Yes, you do need to more coherently articulate this is the context of Human Needs vs. Human Wants. They are not the same. Yet it is presupposed throughout that they are. A fatal error.**

Page 29 - "Fresh water" - "more clearly articulate why we need to invest in natural capital"

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Page 36 - "However, in order to be successful *there needs to be efficient collection systems* [and a competitive end market for the product]."

**As stated in my request, the ultimate organising principle of any life-coherent society or economy through generational time is secure access to means of life/life goods otherwise in short supply (ie.) the production and distribution of goods and the protection of ecosystem services. Conversely, any social or economic system succeeds/falls short/fails to the extent that it does/does not so secure, produce, distribute means of life/life goods.**

**"there needs to be ... a competitive end market for the product" assumes the best of all possible worlds is a money-price gain for the exchangers. This is a fatal error of presupposition, which, in truth, reverses the meaning of MFE in the actually existing world of reproduction. Competition means competing to externalize all costs onto the lives of citizens and environments.**

Page 49 - "THE NATURAL RESOURCES SECTOR" - "The Natural Resources Sector is a group of eight government agencies with the shared goal of improving the way we invest, plan, and allocate our resource base is critical for future export growth, future prosperity, and adapting to a changing international context."

**This is one of the most disturbing fatal presuppositions of the current social order - if these Natural Resources are all going to be exported to grow private money-sequences to maximally**

more with no limit, then by what criterion are the Life Requirements of the local population going to be ringfenced to ensure security of access to means of life for the local population over generational time??? This is a fatal structural blind-spot not yet recognised or resolved by MFE.

"Ensuring maximum value is gained from user-friendly and strategic science and research programmes that are aligned with long-term needs."

Yes, **but WHAT EXACTLY ARE THESE NEEDS?** Are you growing Maximum Money Value OR Maximum Life Value?? They are not the same. **That the MFE continue to conflate money-value growth with life value growth is at the core of the whole cancer system.**

Again, no life-coherent criterion of NEED, just endless money-value coordinates presupposing the means of life itself, which is what you are supposed to be protecting!

page 50 - "We need a positive and credible story to tell to New Zealanders and global consumers about what we are doing, and clear information to back it up."

Yes, you most certainly do. **You have no credible story at present to those with a working mind. Just endless money-value coordinates, with no Life-Value Anchor, Compass, Base or Measure.**

"Maximum value is gained from user-friendly and strategic science and research programmes that are aligned with long-term needs "

Again, you're conflating Money-Value Growth with Life-Value Growth. This ruling superstition is more barbaric than any before it. Its propagation is predictably fatal, yet taboo to recognize. The taboo against knowing what is wrong with the accepted surrounding rule of daily life is ancient, but in this case, globally fatal.

#### **The Primary Axiom of All Value:**

**X is value if and only if, and to the extent that, x consists in or enables a more coherently inclusive range of thought/feeling/action than without it.**

**Conversely: x is disvalue if and only if, and to the extent that, x reduces/disables/destroys any range of thought/experience/action.**

Definitions of the three ultimate fields of value:

**thought** = internal image and concept (T)

**felt side of being** = senses, desires, emotions, moods (F);

**action** = animate movement across species and organizations (A)

governed by

**the good will** = T/F/A as one to realise the Primary Axiom

**the true** = progressive consistency with the P-Axiom, or **the life coherence principle**

The Primary Axiom is *realised in the real world* by the following complete set of universal human life necessities and *their defined criteria measures* of all **life goods, capital and efficiency** which govern any **life economy**, as distinguished from the dominant *private money-sequencing economy* called 'capitalism' whose financialization since John Locke is increasingly life-blind in principle. No means of life as middle term are necessary to its profit driver in the **M**

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**M<sub>1</sub>** sequence, only what private money demand seeks (e.g, junk commodities and non-productive stock gains in ever more dominant control of 'the economy'). The 'life economy' or, more exactly, **life-sequence economy** is in contrast, governed by the formula of **Life**

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**Means of Life**

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**More Life or L**

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**L<sub>1</sub>** This is the long-repressed *alternative paradigm of economics* which is already deeply embedded in the intelligent household economy and the 'civil commons' infrastructures of society which predate capitalism and

underpins all its operations (for example, every public way, water, health, security, education, and energy formation from tribal society today).

[The Primary Axiom of All Value - Universal Human Life Needs/Necessities and Principles of Their Provision](#)

In summary, can you please answer my original question under OIA: *where in MFE doctrine the Universal Human Life Needs/Necessities named? And connected?*

Your document provided via email does not name and connect these HUMAN NEEDS as one in complex meaning. It all dissolves into WANTS.

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"The new law of human evolution is that all are required to compete for more money and commodities for themselves as 'necessary to survive', with the borderless system de-regulated and structured to increasingly impoverish the great majority while multiplying the wealth of the rich. The facts are now long in. Corporate globalization is not only out of control. It is eating the world alive at all levels towards cumulative collapse of organic, social and ecological life organization. Global competition means, in fact, the majority's life means and security keep falling as the environment is looted and polluted on ever larger scales of depredation. Yet only 'more growth' of this system is imagined as a solution. The system is clinically insane."  
— Dr. John McMurtry, Author - *The Cancer Stage of Capitalism: From Crisis to Cure*

On Tue, Nov 13, 2018 at 3:30 PM Ministerials <[ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz)> wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 November.

The Ministry for the Environment is working hard towards making New Zealand the most liveable place in the world for our children, their children and their mokopuna.

Our four year plan outlines how we hope to achieve this, including our key priority areas and our long term strategy.

This can be accessed on our website here:

<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/About/Four%20year%20plan-2017.pdf>

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TO THE MINISTER/MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

I would like to request the following information under the Official Information Act.

*The ultimate organising principle of any life-coherent society or economy through generational*

time is secure access to means of life/life goods otherwise in short supply (ie., the production and distribution of goods and the protection of ecosystem services). Any social or economic system succeeds/falls short/fails to the extent that it does/does not so secure, produce, distribute means of life/life goods.

- Therefore, in the context of "the environment", where are the Universal Human Life Needs/Necessities named? And connected?

- In other words, by what criterion does the "Ministry of the Environment" ensure the security of access to means of life for the New Zealand population through generational time?

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"The new law of human evolution is that all are required to compete for more money and commodities for themselves as 'necessary to survive' with the borderless system de-regulated and structured to increasingly impoverish the great majority while multiplying the wealth of the rich. The facts are now long in. Corporate globalization is not only out of control. It is eating the world alive at all levels towards cumulative collapse of organic social and ecological life organization. Global competition means in fact the majority's life means and security keep falling as the environment is looted and polluted on ever larger scales of depredation. Yet only 'more growth' of this system is imagined as a solution. The system is clinically insane."  
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