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Dear Mr Preston

### Official Information Act 1982 Request

Thank you for your request for information received on 4 April 2019. You requested that the Earthquake Commission (EQC) make available to you the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

*"I request all emails, recollections and other forms of communication between Hugh Cowan and Dave Brunson, Mike Stannard and Graeme Beattie between November 01 2017 and 30 June 2018"*

In response to your request for all emails, a search of EQC's email server was undertaken for Hugh Cowan's communications to and from Dave Brunson, Mike Stannard and Graeme Beattie for the timeframe specified. The attachment contains the emails that this search located, please note that there were no emails found to or from Graeme Beattie. Please also note that some information is withheld from these emails under the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making of that information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or how is the subject of the information;
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion by or between Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty; and
- 9(2)(j) to enable any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

We have discussed the remainder of your request with relevant staff and no further information has been identified. Therefore, your request for recollections and other forms of communication is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as *the document alleged to contain the information does not exist.*

This response completes your request for information. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. The Ombudsman can be contacted at PO Box 10 152, Wellington 6143, or on Freephone 0800 802 602, or at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>.

Yours sincerely

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