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Reference: OIA-2019/20-0009

Dear Steve Glassey

Official Information Act request relating to how submissions to National Disaster Resilience Strategy regarding Animal Welfare Affected the Final Report

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 10 July 2019. You requested:

- “...1. Sector submissions to the recent National Disaster Resilience Strategy*
- 2. Public submissions to the recent National Disaster Resilience Strategy*
- 3. Any analysis of the submissions used to inform finalising the above strategy*
- 4. Any other documents referring to "animals" from June 2018 to July 1 2019, relating to the strategy (and associated project), including correspondence internal and external...”*

As noted in my last letter, on 10 July and 1 August 2019 you clarified parts 1 and 2 of your request. Following our initial response of 7 August and clarifying letter of 9 August, you requested information that pertains to animal welfare from submissions relating to the 2016/17 external engagement process on the National Disaster Resilience Strategy. You requested:

“... With the 2016/17 engagement [for the National Disaster Resilience Strategy], these would have formed part of any analysis and/or consultation.

As per the original OIA, can you please supply information held from that process that pertains to animal welfare.”

Information being released

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed below, subject to information being withheld under section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals and section 9(2)(f)(iv), to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

Item	Date	Document Description	Summary	Decision
1.	28 August 2018	Agency Consultation Draft National Disaster Resilience Strategy	Feedback from MPI on Draft Strategy.	Partially withheld under s9(2)(a) and s9(2)(f)(iv).
2.	26 September 2019	Annotated feedback on Draft Strategy	This feedback was submitted outside of the public submission process, and was returned with only specified pages	Partially withheld under s9(2)(a) and s9(2)(f)(iv).

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			by the submitter. Further detail on this item is provided below.	
3.	11 October 2018	Submissions and Analysis on the National Disaster Resilience Strategy	This document has been created from an excel spreadsheet, and has been formatted to capture the information relevant to your request.	A column containing email addresses was identified to be withheld under s9(2)(a) and removed when formatting the information for release.
4.	14 December 2018	Draft National Disaster Resilience Strategy – for consultation	This Draft National Disaster Resilience Strategy was attached to an email released to you as item 1 in my letter of 12 September 2019.	Released in full.
5.	14 December 2018	Draft Cabinet Paper National Disaster Resilience Strategy: Approval and Presentation to the House	This Draft Cabinet Paper was attached to an email released to you as item 1 in my letter of 12 September 2019.	Released in full.
6.	7 February 2019	Briefing: No Animal Left Behind: A Report on Animal Inclusive Emergency Management Law Reform	I note this release does not include the attachment, which is a copy of the report you prepared.	Partially withheld under s9(2)(a).
7.	5 March 2019	Email Chain: Prep for GAC hearing on National Disaster Resilience Strategy	Includes attachments of MPI talking points for the hearing, and Notes on Key recommendations identified in No Animal Left Behind.	Partially withheld under s9(2)(a).
8.	6 March 2019	Email Chain: Subs Summary for GAC 6 March	Captures Animal Welfare submissions to GAC from February 2019, the full submissions are available on the Parliament website: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/?custom=cdem_84951	Partially withheld under s9(2)(a).

As noted above, Item 2 is a submission received from a Government employee who identified their submission as being made in a private capacity. This submission was not captured during the public submission process, and the submitter was not consulted as a part of the public consultation process. Therefore, we have withheld information that would identify this individual from the release.

During the consultation process for the proactive release of submissions, one organisation identified that its submission as a draft, that had not been approved as their final submission, and the organisation asked that it be withdrawn. We have removed this from our submissions, and it has not been included in our list of submissions identified for publication. We note that this submission did not relate to animals.

Information publicly available

As noted in my letter of 7 August 2019, we have been processing submissions on the National Disaster Resilience Strategy, and have been undertaking the necessary consultations to proactively release this material on the Civil Defence website at the following address: <https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/cdem-sector/plans-and-strategies/national-disaster-resilience-strategy/>

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response may be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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