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Dear Landulph

## WITHHOLDING OFFICIAL INFORMATION

I refer to your official information request of 16 September 2013 relating to a complaint regarding animal welfare on a property at 631 Kaipaki Road, Kaipaki, Waikato. You specifically requested all the MPI reports and information relating to animal welfare issues involving Absolut Creations Limited.

The Ministry for Primary Industries has decided not to release the information you have requested. This information is being withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the OIA because the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse your request. A request must be made in writing to:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10 152
WELLINGTON]

Yours sincerely

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**Director Compliance** 

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