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Andrew Jull
via email: fyi-request-11987-ebbe287d@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Andrew

I am writing in response to the request you submitted 6 January 2020 about calls received by Police about 'orange haze'. Specifically you requested:

- 1. The total number of 111 calls to the NZ Police between the hours of 1330 and 1547 on Sunday, 5 January 2020; and*
- 2. The total number of 111 calls to the NZ Police related to the yellow haze over Auckland between the hours of 1330 and 1547 on Sunday, 5 January 2020*

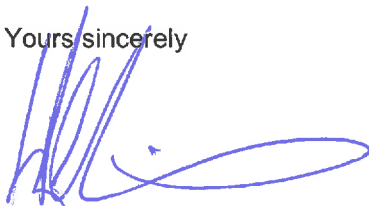
I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

Police Communications Centres answered 79 emergency 111 calls between 1330 and 1547 hours on Sunday, 5 January 2020.

Police received one emergency 111 call in that period of time about "yellow haze". This call was a query from a member of the public as to whether the colour of the sky related to the Australian bushfires. This caller was referred to the MetService.

You might also be interested to know that Police received three additional emergency 111 calls that same day outside of the time period you specified which can be also attributed to the "yellow haze". Two of these calls were enquiries as to if there were any health effects of the haze, and the third was a caller noting the sky was a different colour to usual.

Yours sincerely



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