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Dear Alan

I am writing in response to the email you submitted 30 June 2020. Your request has been considered pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982. Specifically you requested:

- 1. Under the terms of the OIA I request a copy of the formal Review or Debrief undertaken by NZ Police following the Whakaari/White Island Search and Rescue operation undertaken in December last year.*

I have located the following documents relevant to your request, which are attached for your information.

- Learnings and proposals White Island
- SAR Search White Island Water Course
- Debrief - white island action points
- Op White Island - National Debrief Agenda
- Dive Squad Debrief Document
- Debrief notes 20th December 2019

Please note that where appropriate, some sections have been withheld for the following reasons:

- Section 6(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the making available of the information is likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the government of New Zealand.
- Section 6(c) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the making available of the information is likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial.
- Section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982. This section of the Act applies in order to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through - (i) the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation of officers and employees of any Department or organisation in the course of their duty.

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I trust you are satisfied with my response to your request. If not, you have a right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Nic Brown', with a large initial 'N' and a stylized 'B'.

Inspector Nic Brown
Acting National Manager: Response & Operations

