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Dear Roger Bray

Thank you for your email of 7 September 2020 requesting information relating to Auckland border exemptions. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

Regarding COVID-19 Public Health Response (Alert Levels 3 and 2) Order 2020:

- Please provide copies of all applications that the Ministry of Health (MOH) acted on in providing the exemption for persons working in the apiculture industry to be exempted from clause 8(1)(a) and 23 of the above order. Note; the exemption was notified in the NZ Gazette on 24 August 2020.*
- Please provide a copy of the application made to MOH for horticultural workers to be exempted from the provisions of clause 8 & 23 of the above order. Note; the exemption was gazetted on 16 August 2020.*

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) assisted the Ministry of Health (MOH) with the applications for Auckland border exemptions. Working with the below agencies, MPI aimed to ensure the applications provided MOH with the required information. These applications were then sent to MOH for processing, with MPI's endorsement that these applications were a priority.

Please find attached the following documents:

Appendix No.	Title
One	Apiculture New Zealand – Application for Exemption to Travel Restriction Into, Out of and Through Auckland
Two	Horticulture New Zealand - Application for Exemption from COVID-19 Inter-Regional Movement Restrictions

Some information has been withheld pursuant to the following section(s) of the OIA:

- Section 9(2)(a) – *to protect the privacy of natural persons.*
- Section 9(2)(b)(ii) - *protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.*

MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chris Kerr', written over a thin horizontal line.

Chris Kerr
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