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OIA21-159

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Steven Cranston
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Dear Steven

Thank you for your email of 14/11/2021 requesting information on *significant communications relating to Global Warming Potentials (GWP) for Methane accounting*. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

- *"I have been informed that there is significant communications on this subject that have not been disclosed as part of this request. Can you please send me all relevant information. I would like to extend the scope of the request from 2018 up until the 12th of November 2021. I have been told there was communication recently that would be of interest to the public."*

This is a subsequent request to MinOIA21-0155. That request, made on 5 September 2021, asked for:

- *"Any emails or communications you have had with Beef & Lamb New Zealand, DairyNZ and Federated Farmers regarding the use of GWP* for Methane accounting."*

The following information is released to you

- Email received Tuesday 2 November 2021 from DairyNZ with their 'View From the Cowshed report'. The report itself is publicly available here: <https://www.dairynz.co.nz/media/5794833/the-view-from-the-cow-shed-doc-2021.pdf>
- Email received 19 October 2021 titled 'Joint letter prior to COP26'. The letter itself has also been included. This is a joint letter prepared by Federated Farmers, DairyNZ and Beef + Lamb New Zealand.

Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the OIA – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

I am 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. You are advised of your right to raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. You can contact the Ombudsman at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Damien', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon Damien O'Connor
Minister of Agriculture