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By email: fyi-request-17109-3689631a@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Alan

Information Request – F3200236 Operational Review - Vehicle Fire

I refer to your official information request dated 10 October 2021 asking for the following information:

FENZ has undertaken an Operational Review of incident F3200236. This was a vegetation fire on the 15th March 2021 that resulted in the loss of an Ashburton fire appliance. Under the provisions of the OIA I request a copy of this operational Review.

We have determined that further work relating to the review is necessary. A decision has been made to withhold the information requested under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Fire and Emergency New Zealand personnel in the course of their duty.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raewyn Bleakley'.

Raewyn Bleakley
Deputy Chief Executive, Office of the Chief Executive