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Dear Jai Ganesh

Official Information Act request regarding solar flares

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 30 June 2022. You requested:

"I was wondering how protected the NZ grid is against a sustained X class+ solar flare. Does NZ have a response plan in place for something like that?"

I believe that the information you have requested is more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer your request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment for response.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Noonan
Acting Manager, Ministerial and Business Services