



OIA22-0749

13 October 2022

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Dear Sean Marshall

Thank you for your email of 15 September 2022 requesting information relating to your previous Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request, reference OIA22-0678. Your new request has been considered under the OIA, reference OIA22-0749.

You requested the following:

*Who did the ministry need to consult with, why is that consultation necessary and why is it not possible for the consultation to be completed and the information provided within the standard 20 working day time limit?*

On 18 August 2022, you requested any pleadings, interlocutory applications, either filed by, or served on the Minister of Agriculture, or the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC), relating to rodeo events, as noted in the following news article: <https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/AK2107/S00329/nzala-and-safe-file-court-proceedings-against-the-government-for-their-failure-to-ban-rodeo.htm>. The reference number for your previous request is OIA22-0678.

On 15 September 2022, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) advised you that we are extending the timeframe to respond to OIA22-0678, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA, as the documents you are seeking involve information provided to MPI by external organisations.

The OIA requires a decision on a request for official information to be made and communicated as soon as reasonably practicable and within 20 working days of receiving the request. However, this period can be extended in certain circumstances, including where *consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit*; section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA.

The organisations that we are consulting with are: Crown Law and NAWAC, and (via Crown Law) the New Zealand Animal Law Association and SAFE, and New Zealand Rodeo Cowboys Association.

As advised on 15 September 2022, MPI will respond to your request by 14 October 2022. However, due to consultation with external organisations on the information in scope of OIA22-0678, we are unable to respond to your previous request by this date. We endeavour to respond to OIA22-0678 as soon as possible and apologise for any inconvenience the delay may have caused you.

Please note that as your previous request is for documents filed in the High Court by all parties, you can make an application for access to court documents in accordance with the Senior Courts (Access to Court Documents) Rules 2017.

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](mailto: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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Morehu', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

Michelle Morehu  
**Director Government Services**