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Tyler R-D  
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Dear Tyler

## RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 5 October in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding what areas of New Zealand the Ministry of Defence considers to be at risk in the event of a nuclear attack, whether that be from a direct strike or from fallout.

The Ministry of Defence has not undertaken any analysis relating to particular areas of New Zealand that are at risk in the event of nuclear attack, and as such does not hold any information relevant to your request. Your request is therefore declined under section 18(g)(i) of the Act on that basis.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to request an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Swain'.

Michael Swain  
Deputy Secretary, Defence Policy and Planning