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Dear Chris McCashin

Thank you for your correspondence of 19 October 2022 to the Climate Change Commission (the Commission) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

any and all information known or held by you or your department in any format including written documents, reports, memos, letters, notes, emails, draft documents, non-written information and unrecorded information regarding:

Geoengineering carried out by Air New Zealand planes, while flying over NZ air space. Especially the practice of Solar Radiation Management, using stratospheric sulfate aerosols to create a dimming effect and impact climate, known as STRATOSPHERIC SULFATE AEROSOLS GEO-ENGINEERING (SAG-SRM) - from January 2010 until now.

Any and all Information known or held by you or your department in any format including written documents, reports, memos, letters, notes, emails, draft documents, non-written information and unrecorded information regarding: the practice of artificially modifying the climate using reflective nano-materials to reflect sunlight via dispersal from jet aircraft that expand into reflective artificial clouds from January 2010 until now.

Please also provide any and all water quality research reports, specifically looking at heavy metals in water and contributory factors to metals in water.

Please also provide any and all reports completed on impact of Geoengineering on weather patterns, climate change, risks & benefits, etc etc. Effectively any and all information on Geonengineering and the impacts it is having on NZ weather.

On 3 November 2022, part of your request was transferred to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) for response in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as some of the information you requested is more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry. The part of your request that was transferred was:

any and all water quality research reports, specifically looking at heavy metals in water and contributory factors to metals in water.

The Ministry has interpreted this part of your request to mean all water quality research reports authored, or contributed to, by the Ministry.

The Ministry has identified two documents in scope of this part of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule. These documents are publicly available and are therefore being refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Links to these documents have been provided to you in the attached document schedule.

You may wish to contact regional councils, Waka Kotahi - NZ Transport Agency, and Te Manatū Waka - Ministry of Transport as they may also hold information relevant to this part of your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. Johnston', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Hayden Johnston
Director - Water and Land Use Policy

Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	18 April 2019	Heavy metal load in coastal and estuarine sediment	Refused	18(d) - the information requested is publicly available at: stats.govt.nz/indicators/heavy-metal-load-in-coastal-and-estuarine-sediment/
2	16 April 2020	River water quality: heavy metals	Refused	18(d) - the information requested is publicly available at: stats.govt.nz/indicators/river-water-quality-heavy-metals