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Tēnā koe Mike

Thank you for your request of 9 October 2024, to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting information relating Wairau Valley Incident on 22 August 2023. Your request is being considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

This letter is to advise that Fire and Emergency needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by 15 working days, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA, as 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.

For this reason, you can expect to receive our response no later than 28 November 2024. We will endeavour to respond sooner than this date if possible. If you no longer require this information, please let us know.

You have the right to request an investigation and review of Fire and Emergency's decision to extend the timeframe by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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