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By email

Dear Graeme

Response to request for information regarding the Aratere grounding at Picton in June 2024

I refer to your request to Maritime NZ via the FYI site on 31 October 2024, as follows:

“Please provide me the redacted, for public issue, report of the findings from the grounding of the ship Aratere near Picton during June 2024”

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Our investigation into this incident is ongoing and we are not able to provide any information in relation to this incident at this time, further to that already reported in the media. At this stage, we are unable to determine when the investigation will conclude. We are therefore refusing your full request under section 6(c) of the Act because the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision, please feel free to email us at ministerial.services@maritimenz.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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