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Dear Sean

Thank you for your email of 5 December 2024 requesting information relating to historic data regarding exotic afforestation.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) in accordance with section 15A(1)(a) as your request is for a large quantity of information and meeting the normal 20-working-day time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of MPI.

MPI will reply to your request by no later than 21 February 2025, earlier if possible.

Should you have any concerns with this extension, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at <a href="Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz">Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz</a>. 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 <a href="info@ombudsman.parliament.nz">info@ombudsman.parliament.nz</a>.

Yours sincerely

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