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Dear Dan Moskovitz

Thank you for your email of 11 December 2024 requesting information relating to *Asparagopsis taxiformis* risk assessment. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

*Please provide the risk assessment for the invasive seaweed Asparagopsis taxiformis.  
Also, why did MPI choose not to proactively release the A. taxiformis risk assessment?*

Please find attached as Appendix One, a copy of scientific technical advice regarding the risk assessment for macroalga *Asparagopsis taxiformis*. Please note some information has been withheld as 'out-of-scope' as it doesn't relate to the information being released.

In relation to your proactive release question, this document (technical advice) was not intended to be proactively released, however mechanisms like the OIA process enable individuals and stakeholders interested in specific information to request it.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at [Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz). 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 [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

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