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Graham Carter

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Dear Graham Carter

## EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 7 June 2016 requesting the following:

- *I request the release of video footage showing dolphin deaths and widespread fish dumping by the NZ fishing industry, which informed the basis of the Achilles, Overdue and Hippocamp reports.*

You may be aware that MPI's Director-General, Martyn Dunne, has initiated an independent review in the circumstances around Operations Achilles and Hippocamp. This review includes the decisions not to prosecute at the conclusion of the operations and the outcomes of the review will be made publically available in due course.

The footage you have requested is part of the information before MPI in relation to the operations outlined above and are therefore part of the independent review. It would therefore be inappropriate for us to consider releasing such footage until we have had the opportunity to consider the outcomes of the independent review.

Accordingly, MPI is extending the timeframe to respond to this portion of your request under section 15(A)(1)(b) of the OIA to allow this consultation to occur. MPI will respond to your request by 16 September 2016, or sooner if possible.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the time limit for responding to your request.

Thank you for your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Rowe'.

Stephanie Rowe

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