



OIA16-0439

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Graham Carter
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Dear Graham Carter

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request received by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) on 30 July 2016 relating to:

1. All discard reports for all inshore fishing vessels.
2. All records of discards, amounts and dates fished from 2000 until current.
3. All names of fishing vessels and days/dates that they fished on the West Coast of New Zealand from 2000 until current.
4. All catch reports and discard reports for all Foreign Charter Vessels (FCV) fishing inside the inshore fishery from 2000.

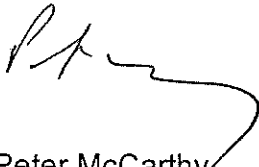
As your request is for a significant amount of information that covers an extended period of time (the last 16 years), your request is refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act (OIA) as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

In making the decision to refuse parts of your the request pursuant to section 18(f) of the OIA on the grounds that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research, we considered this request together with your other requests relating to fisheries management issues. We also considered whether fixing a charge would enable us to grant your request. Given the considerable amount of information requested, we have decided that charging would not be appropriate. The diversion of resources required to meet your requests would unreasonably interfere with the operations of MPI.

Secondly, pursuant to section 18B, we considered consulting you about revising the scope of the requests. Given the substantial amount of information requested, we do not see that entering into correspondence on this issue is likely to refocus the requests down to a manageable scale.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse parts of your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter McCarthy', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Peter McCarthy
Chief Legal Adviser