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Dear Alex Harris

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 30 July 2012 requesting a copy of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)'s submission to the Law Commission's review of the Official Information Act (OIA), and all drafts, advice, and internal communications (including emails) relating to that submission.

As you may be aware, the Law Commission has recently published the submissions they received on the review. They are available on their website through the following link: [http://www.lawcom.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/2012/08/all\\_submissions\\_nzlc\\_ip\\_18\\_0.pdf](http://www.lawcom.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/2012/08/all_submissions_nzlc_ip_18_0.pdf). MPI's submissions are contained on pages 500-513 of the document. As the submissions have been published I am refusing that part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA on the grounds that this information has already been made publicly available.

In regards to your request for drafts, advice, and internal communications (including emails) relating to MPI's submission, we will not be able to respond to this part of your request within the timeframe set out in the OIA. Accordingly, MPI has decided to extend the time limit for responding to your request pursuant to section 15A of the OIA. The Ministry will reply to your request by no later than 10 September 2012.

The extension is necessary because consultations required to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the normal 20 working day time limit.

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. A request must be made in writing to:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsmen  
PO Box 10 152  
WELLINGTON

Yours sincerely



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