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Dear Graham Carter

## OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 2 August 2016 relating to:

- All information, copies of emails and reports and analysis reports and Risk assessments on Graham Carter, Rhys Smith, Scott McIndoe, Dan Salmon, Michael Morrah and Tim McKinnel.
- 2. All information, reports, emails regarding why Graham Carter and the Fishing and Outdoors newspaper has been blocked from receiving press reports, press releases and information from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).

Your first request is interpreted as referring to emails and reports which are about or relate to a risk analysis and/or assessments on the named individuals. This request is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), on the basis that the information requested does not exist.

You and Fishing and Outdoors have not been blocked from receiving press reports, press releases, or any other public releases. Accordingly, your second request is also refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist. Information is published on MPI's website as it becomes available, and any person may access this material. If you would like to sign up to be sent new media releases and to receive alerts on new MPI documents that have been uploaded to our website, then please follow the link provided, tick the relevant boxes in accordance with your areas of interest, and submit your name and email address in the appropriate fields: (<a href="https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/subscribe-to-mpi">www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/subscribe-to-mpi</a>).

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 your request.

Yours sincerely

Peter McCarthy Chief Legal Adviser

> Office of the Director-General Legal Services