

22 December 2016

Ursula Edgington

By email: <mailto:fyi-request-4865-142f9c5f@requests.fyi.org.nz>

Dear Ursula

**Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) – Requests for information**

We refer to your email of 28 November 2016 in which you requested certain further information under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act) in relation to the research studies referred to in your previous email request dated 28 November 2016. The information requested was as follows:

1. Clarify that no Human Ethics Application was completed for these studies.
2. Supply the name(s) of the person(s) who was qualified to make the decision that no Human Ethics Application be completed for these studies.
3. Advise the full, scientific, peer-reviewed rationale upon which the decision that no Human Ethics Application be completed for these studies was based.

We respond as follows, using the same numbering:

1. We confirm that no Human Ethics Application was completed for these studies.
2. NIWA has almost 500 science staff, many of whom would be capable of making such a decision.
3. We cannot provide the information you have requested as it does not exist.

Please note that under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to complain to an Ombudsman in order to seek an investigation and review of this response.

Yours sincerely



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