



17 March 2017

George Valentine
Via: fyi-request-5431-a913f815@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Valentine

Official Information Act Request

I refer to your email dated 13 February 2017, in which you requested a list of public relations companies that have provided a service to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) since September 2015. Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The EPA does not employ public relations companies to undertake our routine communications or relationship management activities. Busby Ramshaw Grice is the only organisation with some public relations expertise that has provided a service to the EPA within this timeframe.

We have a one-year contract with Busby Ramshaw Grice which began in September 2016. From time to time they provide advice to us on how we can best manage complex issues that cross diverse and miscellaneous stakeholder groups. The company also provides professional development opportunities for staff, such as presentation and media skills.

Should you have any further enquires please feel free to contact Laura Symes on 04 474 5483 or laura.symes@epa.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Diane Robinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Diane Robinson
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