

19 April 2017

Graham Carter

By email: fyi-request-5588-333f6728@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Graham

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) – Request for information regarding didymo solution

We refer to your email of 20 March 2017 in which you made the following request:

We have [sic] understand that a solution to the diymo [sic] problem in the South Island rivers has been found and this solution has been tested and proven to be 100% effective by Niwa.

This solution is currently being sold to Universities, Salmon farmers and fishing guides.

Can you please provide any further information.

On 31 March 2017 and again on 7 April 2017 we contacted you in order to consult with you under section 18B of the OIA. We sought clarification of your request, specifically as to whether in your request you were referring to Gemex™, which was developed back in 2006, or to some other solution.

We have not received any response from you and today is the last date for responding to your request under the OIA.

Based on the wording of your request, we advise that the information you are seeking does not exist (section 18(e) of the OIA). Gemex™ has never been commercially produced and released for sale by NIWA and, to the best of our knowledge, there is no other didymo solution that has been tested and proven effective by NIWA that is currently being sold in New Zealand.

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

Yours sincerely



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