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Dear Wendy

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your requests via email, made under the Official Information Act 1982, dated 7 July 2017 and 19 July 2017.

On 7 July 2017, you have asked:

- 1) *"Please state what applications for consent or permission DOC needs to make for aerial 1080 operations over forests on the Coromandel peninsula in 2017? Please list the applications by forest."*

Public Conservation administered land requires consent by the District Health Board under 'Permission for Use Of Vertebrate Toxic Agent(s)'. The permission is issued by the Health Protection Officer of the Waikato District Health Board.

Moehau, Papakai and Otahu require a Department of Conservation (DOC) application for consent and is an internal auditing tool. Mataora and Mahakirau are private properties and do not require a DOC application for consent.

Below are links to information on the Public Health permission process and forms, and the DOC application system.

<http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/issuing-permissions-vertebrate-toxic-agents-vtas-guidelines-public-health-units>

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/business-or-activity/animal-pest-control-operations/>

- 2) *"Please provide the date on which each application has been or will be made."*

Applications have not yet been made. We anticipate this will be completed within the next two weeks. Therefore, I am not able to provide you with the information you seek for the reason stated under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the information requested does not exist.

On 19 July 2017, you have asked:

- 1) *'Please provide copies of all applications and permissions for aerial 1080 operations on Moehau, Papakai, Otahu and Mataora forests of the Coromandel peninsula this year 2017 as they come to hand.'*

I am not able to provide you with the information you seek for the reason stated under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the information requested does not exist. However, applications and permissions will be forwarded to you as they become available.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'David Speirs', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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