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Ref: MCD 280917

Dear Mr Thompson

Official Information Act request relating to the report and submissions *Better Responses to Natural Disasters and Other Emergencies in New Zealand*

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 28 September 2017. You requested:

... the report to address "Better Responses to natural disasters and other emergencies" I request the following information:

- 1. Copies of all the written submission tabled to the Review Team.*
- 2. A copy of the final report as tabled to the Minister.*

The request was transferred to Hon Nathan Guy from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), as it more closely connected to the functions of the Minister of Civil Defence's portfolio. In light of the current Government transition and in consultation with Hon Nathan Guy's office, to ensure obligations under the Act are met, DPMC is now responding to your request.

Information to be withheld

Please note that the Ministerial review is yet to be completed. Therefore, the written submissions tabled to the Technical Advisory Team and the interim report supplied to the Minister of Civil Defence are being withheld in full under the following sections of the Act, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion

It is likely that a range of information related to this review will be made publicly available in due course. In making the decision, the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act have been taken into account.

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. You can contact the Ombudsman online via the Ombudsman website, by email (info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143. Further details can be found on the Ombudsman website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anne Shaw'.

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