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Dear Kerry

Thank you for your email of 9 October 2017 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I would like copies of the applications of the mineral exploration licenses 55162, 60156 and 60216 to assess the work scope and the applications processes.*

On 20 October and 26 October 2017, you were contacted via your FYI.org.nz profile to clarify the type of documents and applications you required for the permits requested. To date, you have not responded.

The scope of your request covers a significant amount of official information. "Application records" for permits 55162, 60156 and 60216 includes a minimum of six application records (change applications and the original new permit application). Each of these application records feature a large suite of documents. Each record includes documents such as:

- supporting application documents (submitted by the applicant)
- the application form (submitted by the applicant)
- correspondence between New Zealand Petroleum & Minerals (NZP&M) and the Applicant
- correspondence between NZP&M and the affected iwi/hapu
- internal file notes
- NZP&M's Official Recommendation document
- invoices and other financial documents
- the resulting permit/change certificate (already publically available).

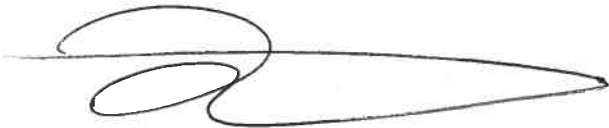
I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

However, I invite you to submit a new request, with due particularity, which clarifies the type of documents and applications for those permits. For example:

- the original new permit applications for the three permits mentioned;
- the change/transfer applications; or
- the application form and supporting application documents submitted by the applicant.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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