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15 JAN 2018

Mr Andrew Joseph fyi-request-6891-57ccbb6d@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Joseph

I refer to your official information request of 27 November 2017 for:

"any advice, information, briefings, documents, cabinet papers, talking points, and/or emails, including drafts of all the aforementioned, received by your office from officials regarding the re-entry of the Pike River Mine since 26 October 2017."

You amended your original request on 19 December 2017 to:

"...and/or emails that contain advice from officials, excluding any emails relating to the organisation of meetings".

The Official Information Act 1982 requires we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received it. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, to **30 January 2018**.

This extension is necessary because consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

We note that some of the information requested by you in relation to advice provided by officials is publically available at http://www.mbie.govt.nz/info-services/pike-river-recovery/documents.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

Private Secretary – Pike River Re-Entry

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