



## MP for West Coast-Tasman

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Dear Alex Harris

## RELEASE OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION

I refer to your official information request of 9 February 2018 relating to All advice on irrigation water storage received as Minister

Titles of briefings or information provided to the Minister regarding Crown Irrigation Investments Limited:

B17-0675 - Direction on the wind-down of Crown funding of water infrastructure development in New Zealand.

B17-0810 - Crown Irrigation Update and Options.

AM18-0077 - Crown-funded water management and infrastructure portfolio quarterly report (1 October – 31 December 2017).

Some information has been withheld pursuant to the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- Section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons
- Section 9(2)(b)(ii) where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown

I am satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available. You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision to extend the time limit for responding to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal line and a smaller, more complex scribble.

Hon Damien O'Connor  
**Minister of Agriculture**