



OIA 18-E-0148 and 18-E-151

3 May 2018

Graham Carter

Via email: fyi-request-7605-661f665a@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Carter

Thank you for your Official Information Act requests to the Department of Conservation, dated 13 April and 16 April 2018 respectively. You requested the following:

“What correspondence, communication or directive has DoC and/or the Minister of Conservation had to Fish and Game National Council and/or Fish and Game CEO not to discuss, or state an opinion on 1080 poison.” [18-E-0148]

“What correspondence, communication or directive has the CEO of DoC Lou Sanson or his staff had to Fish and Game National Council and/or Fish and Game CEO not to discuss, or state an opinion on 1080 poison.” [18-E-0151]

I can advise that neither the Director-General of Conservation, Lou Sanson, nor any of his staff has had any communication with Fish and Game of the nature that you are requesting. Kay Booth, Deputy Director-General Partnerships, has advised that she met with Martin Taylor in January 2018; at that meeting he stated that it was his intention that Fish and Game no longer engage in the 1080 debate.

Fish and Game are an independent statutory body and the Department cannot direct them in their activities.

Therefore, as the information does not exist, section 18(e) of the OIA applies. 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.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mervyn English'.

Mervyn English
DD-G Strategy and People