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Dear Alan

Information Request – Re OIA 2018.6577 2nd response - Makara Fire

I refer to your official information request dated 22 November 2018 asking for the following information:

- The dates and locations of the other two Makara Fire debriefs
- Provide a copy of the report or other documentation resulting from these debriefs, and
- Why they were withheld.

I apologise that the additional debrief notes were not identified during the course of assessing your original request. Fire and Emergency takes pride in its work responding to Official Information Act requests and I have sought assurance that greater efforts will be made to identify all information in scope of a request.

The following debriefs were held in relation to the Makara fire:

- 21 March 2018 at the Porirua City Council Emergency Operations Centre
- 27 March 2018 at the Chatham Islands Council Emergency Operations Centre
- 10 May 2018 at the Avalon Fire Station (*release of these notes were assessed in the previous response dated 17 July 2018*)

Fire and Emergency has considered your request for the debrief notes from 21 and 27 March 2018. A decision has been made to withhold most of information in the debrief notes to protect the free and frank expression of those involved in the debriefing process under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Official Information Act. In line with the previous decision, a summary of the withheld information has been provided.

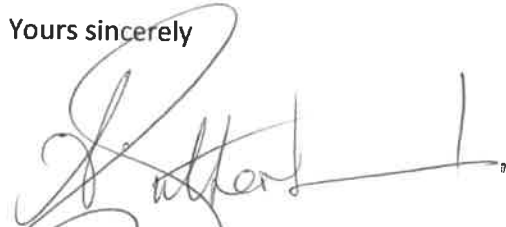
Fire and Emergency does not consider there are any counter prevailing factors that would render it desirable in the public interest to release this information.

I note that your previous request for debrief notes associated with this incident is subject to an Ombudsman complaint. As a determination is yet to be made Fire and Emergency is unable to consider any implications arising for its consideration of this response.

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. Note also that this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Fire and Emergency website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bella Sutherland', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Bella Sutherland
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