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Jake Preston

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Dear Mr Preston

Official Information Act 1982 Request

Thank you for your request for information received on 21 September 2018. You requested that the Earthquake Commission (EQC) make available to you the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

'I would like to request all outgoing communication by Hugh Cowan from 04 September 2010 through 10 November 2010, including any and all emails sent from Hugh Cowan's EQC email address, including any emails which may have been subsequently deleted. Specifically I am looking for all email sent from mailbox "DHcowan" (with the eqc.govt.nz domain) from 04 September 2010 through 10 November 2010.'

On 5 October 2018, we advised you that we were extending the timeframe to provide you with a response under section 15A(1)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Under section 15(1)(b) of the Official Information Act 1982, I can advise that EQC will be granting your request. However, we require additional time to prepare the full set of material for release and therefore will be providing the information to you in batches.


The first batch of information is the outgoing communication from 4 September to 30 September 2010. Please note that some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion by or between Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty;
- 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege; and
- 9(2)(i) to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

We expect to be able to provide you with the next batch of information by 30 November 2018. You will be advised if there is any change to this timeframe.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this decision. The Ombudsman can be contacted at PO Box 10 152, Wellington 6143, or on Freephone 0800 802 602, or at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily Richards". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Emily Richards
Manager, Government Relations