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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. On 16 November 2018, we advised that EQC was granting your request and that the material would be provided to you in batches. We sent you the first batch of information, which was the outgoing communication from 4 to 30 September 2010.

Attached is the second and final batch of information that covers communication from 1 October to 9 November 2010. Our information search did not locate any communications for 10 November 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)(ba)(i) to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence...where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source
- 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;
- 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; and
- 9(2)(j) to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial or industrial negotiations).

This response completes your request for information. 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 cursive script that reads "Emily Richards".

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