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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your email of 22 September 2018 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), to the following information:

*Please provide all records the Ministry has on the Regional Development Funding application for the upgrade of the Russell Wharf.*

*This includes all communications sent to or received from any person, including from Far North District Council, Far North Holdings Limited, the Russell Wharf and Waterfront Trust and the Minister of Regional Economic Development related to the upgrade to the Russell Wharf and/or the decision to provide Regional Development Fund money towards the upgrade.*

*These communications should include any draft(s) and final business case provided, any prior advice provided by the Ministry or its staff on eligibility of the Russell Wharf upgrade for the Regional Development Fund, any communications or advice provided on the business case and its preparation and review, any communications with to from any of the Directors of Far North Holdings Limited or any of the Trustees of the Russell Wharf and Waterfront Trust or the Far North Mayor or any Councillor.*

I am writing to advise you that MBIE will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to answer your request. MBIE's response will be with you no later than 16 November 2018.

The reason for the extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot be made within the original time limit.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the timeframe. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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