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Official Information Act Request

Dear ██████████

I refer to your request received on 28 July 2020 for the following information:

“...all submissions and correspondence from external parties related to the Call for Information for Hydrogen cyanamide are released to us, in full and unredacted.”

Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Given that we are still consulting on the release of documents 4a to 4i, we have decided to provide you with most of the information you requested now. We will advise you of our decision about the remaining documents when it has been made.

Please find attached to this email most of the documents you have requested. You can find a numbered list of the documents provided at the end of this letter.

Documents 7, 8, 9, 10, 10a, 11 and 13 have been redacted under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of a person not employed by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

Document 1f, is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA to avoid unreasonably prejudicing the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.

Document 2b has been redacted under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA to avoid prejudicing the supply of similar information from the same source.

I do not consider that, in the circumstances of this particular case, the withholding of these documents is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the documents available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via ministerials@epa.govt.nz.

We will publish your request and our response on our website, www.epa.govt.nz, within 10 working days from today. We make OIA responses available so others can read more about the work we do and the questions we are asked. Any information that might identify you will be removed to protect your privacy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Ehlers', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr Clark Ehlers
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Table of released and redacted documents

(Please note that a letter indicates that this document was attached to the previous email, e.g., 1a is attached to email 1)

No.	File name
1	HC-FEED-0009_Emma_Waller_Nufarm_email.msg
1a	HC-FEED-0009_Emma_Waller_Nufarm_Hi-Cane Neighbours card-A4.pdf
1b	HC-FEED-0009_Emma_Waller_Nufarm_Hi-Cane Safe Handling Guide.pdf
1c	HC-FEED-0009_Emma_Waller_Nufarm_Hi-Cane_HN.pdf
1d	HC-FEED-0009_Emma_Waller_Nufarm_Hi-Cane_SDS.PDF
1e	HC-FEED-0009_Emma_Waller_Nufarm_HiCane P3566 – Label – Mar 18.pdf
1f	WITHHELD OIA section 9(2)(b)(ii) "confidential_appendix.docx"
1g	HC-FEED-0009_Emma_Waller_Nufarm_response_form.docx
2	HC-FEED-0011_Philippa_McVeagh_Apples_and_Pears_email.msg
2a	NZAPI letter – EPA Call for Info – Hydrogen Cyanamide.pdf (571 KB)
2b	[NZAPI – Hydrogen cyanamide call for information response form.docx (189 KB) (redacted)
3	HC-FEED-0010_Simon_Wells_Seeka_email.msg
3a	HC-FEED-0010_Simon_Wells_Seeka_response_form.docx
4	Decision pending
4a	Decision pending
4b	Decision pending
4c	Decision pending
4d	Decision pending
4e	Decision pending
4f	Decision pending
4g	Decision pending
4h	Decision pending
4i	Decision pending
5	HC-FEED-0007_Julie_Cross_NZ_Kiwiberry_email.msg
5a	HC-FEED-0007_Julie_Cross_NZ_Kiwiberry_response_form.docx
6	HC-FEED-0006_Juan_Rosales_Summerfruit_NZ_email.msg
6a	HC-FEED-0006_Juan_Rosales_Summerfruit_NZ_response_from.pdf
7	HC-FEED-0005_redacted.pdf
8	HC-FEED-0004_John_Levers_GH_acknowledgement.msg (redacted)

No.	File name
9	HC-FEED-0004_John_Levers_email.msg (redacted)
9a	HC-FEED-0004_John_Levers_response_form_brief.docx
9b	HC-FEED-0004_John_Levers_long_form_doc.pdf
10	HC-FEED-0003_(Redacted)_Hapu.msg
10a	HC-FEED-0003_(Redacted)_Hapu_response_form.pdf
11	HC-FEED-0003_(Redacted)_acknowledgement.msg
12	HC-FEED-0001_Chris_Brewer_Bay_of_Plenty_Regional_Council.msg
12a	HC-FEED-0001_Chris_Brewer_Bay_of_Plenty_Regional_Council_2019_complaints.xlsx
13	HC-FEED-0002_redacted.msg
14	FW Hi - Cane.msg
15	FW hydrogen cyanamide reassessment timeline.msg
16	FW Hydrogen cyanamide reassessment.msg
17	Fwd Call for info document.msg
18	Fwd Document or link.msg
19	Hi-Cane (Hydrogen Cyanamide) reassessment.msg
20	RE Hi Cane.msg
21	Re Urgent Research Paper on Environment and Pollutants.msg
22	Urgent Research Paper on Environment and Pollutants.msg