

# Official Information Act Request

## Requester's details

**Date:** 13 July 2021

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Job title:** [REDACTED]

**Organisation:** TVNZ

**Email:** [REDACTED]@tvnz.co.nz

**Reference number:** ENQ-41471-Q6L4B9

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request received on 5 May 2021 for all the documents, electronic correspondence and audio recordings relating to any investigations conducted into the lead content of roofing products within the last two years. We advised you that the EPA has not undertaken any such investigations and on 20 May 2021 you amended your request to all documents, electronic correspondence and audio recordings on an enquiry regarding the lead content in a roofing product.

On 27 May 2021, we wrote to you to advise you of an extension to the time limit for our response to 24 June 2021 to allow us to undertake consultation with the complainant. This consultation has now concluded.

The EPA received one enquiry regarding the lead content of roofing products within the last two years.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) does not have any powers or functions to investigate this complaint as this roofing product is considered a manufactured article and is outside the scope of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.

We have identified and are releasing to you (three attached PDFs) information within scope of your request:

1. Email correspondence between the complaint, EPA and WorkSafe
2. An information gathering memorandum and internal emails regarding this
3. An enquiry closure memorandum and internal emails regarding this.

The EPA does not hold any audio recordings relating to this enquiry.

We are withholding the name, title, and contact details of the complainant from the documents under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) to protect the

privacy of natural persons. We have considered whether the public interest in the information outweighs withholding the information but do not consider this to be the case.

We are also withholding the name of the person who is the subject of the information under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA as the release of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of that person. We do not consider that the withholding of the information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

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

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via [ministerials@epa.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.nz)

We will publish your request and our response on our website, [www.epa.govt.nz](http://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



Dr Allan Freeth

Chief Executive