

Official Information Act Request

Requester's details

Date: 18 January 2022

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Reference number: ENQ-43063-Q4L1T4

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request received on 30 November 2021.

You have requested under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) all written documents and reports created and received by the EPA and internal and external correspondence that enabled the EPA to make the following statement in the EPA hydrogen cyanamide reassessment, "The continued use of hydrogen cyanamide is likely to enhance Māori economic and social development in terms of prosperity, livelihoods, and lifestyles. But it is likely to adversely affect the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their environment and taonga, including culturally significant species, resources, and places, and the customary values, practices and uses associated with these taonga."

In mid-2021, the EPA held hui in kiwifruit-growing regions to gather information for the Māori impact assessment report. In advance of the hui, we provided two documents summarising the key issues identified in our risks and benefits assessments:

[https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Hazardous-Substances/Consultation-general/Preliminary information for Maori consultation - HC reassessment.pdf](https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Hazardous-Substances/Consultation-general/Preliminary%20information%20for%20Maori%20consultation%20-%20HC%20reassessment.pdf)

[https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Hazardous-Substances/Reassessments-programme/summary-risks-benefits-Maori-HC reassessment-may21.pdf](https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Hazardous-Substances/Reassessments-programme/summary-risks-benefits-Maori-HC_reassessment-may21.pdf)

Following the hui, and partly informed by comments received, we prepared the Māori impact assessment report:

[https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/FileAPI/hsno-ar/APP203974/APP203974_20210920.2 Appendix C Maori impact assessment report.pdf](https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/FileAPI/hsno-ar/APP203974/APP203974_20210920.2_Appendix_C_Maori_impact_assessment_report.pdf)

A copy of this report is also included with the following information for your convenience.

Most of the documents and reports that helped enable this statement may be found in [OIAAIDocs Redacted ENQ-43063-Q4L1T4 Grieve HC2N2.pdf](#) in the same OneDrive folder as this letter. Some of this information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Various external documents were also considered, and these are listed below as they may be of interest.

Māori Kiwifruit Growers Inc. Pānui 17 August 2017

<https://www.maorikiwifruitgrowers.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Issue-4-August-2017.pdf>

Māori Kiwifruit Growers Inc (website)

<https://www.maorikiwifruitgrowers.com/>

Te Ao Māori News - 14 June 2017 Launch of Māori Kiwifruit Growers Forum an industry first

<https://www.teaomaori.news/launch-maori-kiwifruit-growers-forum-industry-first>

Māori in horticulture report 2020 (TPK webpage)

<https://www.tpk.govt.nz/mi/a-matou-mohiotanga/land/maori-in-horticulture-2020-research-report>

Māori in horticulture report 2020 (BERL report)

<https://berl.co.nz/our-mahi/horticulture-success-story-maori>

Stats NZ Agricultural production statistics

<https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/agricultural-production-statistics-june-2019-final>

Economic contribution of kiwifruit to BoP, Northland & NZ (2017)

https://www.waikato.ac.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/343813/IBR-Report-on-Kiwifruit.pdf

Quayside, Te Tumu Paeroa & Māori kiwifruit investment

<https://quaysideholdings.co.nz/2017/04/kiwifruit-orchards-will-be-bays-30m-legacy-for-future-maori-generations/>

I hope this information is helpful. 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

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

We may publish your request and our response on our website, www.epa.govt.nz. 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 blue ink that reads "Chris Hill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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