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Via: [REDACTED]

### Official Information Act Request

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received on 11 August 2020, clarified with you on 18 August 2020, for the following information:

1. Correspondence between OMV and the EPA *regarding the likely cause of the crack*;
2. Results of any investigation carried out by OMV, EPA or any third party on behalf of, or independently of, OMV as Operator for the PML 38160 Joint Venture *into the cause of the crack*;
3. A list of subsequent inspections, including date and type of inspection (subsea or surface).

Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Please see Table 1 attached to this letter for a list of the documents released in full in response to your request.

Documents 3 to 14 of Table 2 have been redacted under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of individuals not employed by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). I do not consider that, in the circumstances of this particular case, the withholding of this information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

The EPA is one of several agencies involved in this sector. You may also want to contact Maritime New Zealand and WorkSafe New Zealand, as these agencies may have information relevant to your request.

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](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

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'A Freeth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Allan Freeth  
Chief Executive  
**Environmental Protection Authority**

**Table 1****Documents released in full**

No.	File name
1.	Investigation_Risk_Assessment_OMV_Platform_Crack 1 December 2016
2.	WHP inspection plan 2017 memo

**Table 2****Documents redacted under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA**

No.	File name
3.	Inspection planning and crack follow up
4.	EPA WHP Inspection - OMV Corrective-Preventative Actions
5.	FW OMV - WHP Further info 5a – SKMBT_C284016111918380 (Release) 5b – GOPR2632 (Release) 5c – GOPR2829 (Release)
6.	6 RE Maari WHP - Update
7.	OMV NZ-ADVICE-011473 WHP water quality sampling results ACNXREF IH4mKGihXN4PAlyYLhoY4 7a – Cawthron Report OMV NZ-ADVICE-011473: WHP water quality sampling results
8.	Post Inspection Report WHP_OMV DRAFT v6_Final__28032017
9.	OMV_Wellhead_Inspection_Checklist_091216_V1
10.	WHP Inspection Report (September 2017) 10a Post Inspection Report OMV WHP 26_28 September 2017
11.	RE Integrity Notification
12.	OMV_Maari_WHP_crack_inspection_postponed_and_follow_up_email_20_Dec_2016
13.	FW Maari WHP - Update 13a Weekly Report we 25Aug17 (Release)
14.	OMV_WHP_Inspection_Report_21112018