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Official Information Act Request

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) that we received on 12 September. You have requested the following information:

"As part of my investigation into the EPA Review of glyphosate as a possible carcinogen, initiated in 2015, I request all information regarding the decision to undertake a review of glyphosate as a probable carcinogen."

*"It appears that some information I have expected from previous requests was not supplied, as my request may have limited some information to that between the EPA and other parties. This request is for **all** information regarding the **decision to undertake a review** of glyphosate as a probable carcinogen, including information internal to the EPA."*

I have considered your request and I note that there is no further information within the scope of your current request that has not previously been made available to you in response to your 21 February 2019 request for:

"all EPA internal communications, including notes, regarding glyphosate for 2015 and 2016".

Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the OIA, on the basis that the information requested is publicly available.

I understand that you are particularly interested in the decision to commission the review and who made that decision. The information provided to you in response to your earlier OIA requests shows that the decision to commission a review was made by a former team leader in the Applications and Assessments team. I confirmed this to you when we spoke in October 2019.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Allan Freeth', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr Allan Freeth
Chief Executive
Environmental Protection Authority