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Via: ██████████

Official Information Act Request

Dear ██████████

I refer to your request received on 9 April 2020, for the following information in relation to a 1080 operation at Te Maruia:

- The objectives of the communications between EPA and the trampers, and were these based on existing processes
- Were confidentiality agreements, or other agreements, made between any of the parties
- Were DHBs or healthcare providers notified of the incident and outcomes
- What information or questions were directed from the EPA to the trampers, and what was the rationale behind this
- What steps have been taken by the EPA to ensure that the long term health of these members of the public will be followed up

Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The alleged incident of 1080 misapplication occurred in November 2019 at Te Maruia. This incident is under investigation by the EPA. To ensure that there is no prejudice to the EPA's ability to investigate the matter, I am withholding information related to this matter under section 6(c) of the OIA.

Once the investigation is completed, more information will become publicly available in relation to this alleged incident.

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.

Yours sincerely



Dr Allan Freeth
Chief Executive