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Official Information Act Request

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request transferred in part to the EPA on the 17 July 2020 from the Ministry of Health, for the following information:

"Q1: What, if any, of the numerous gaps in scientific evidence as outlined in the ERMA 2007 'reassessment' of 1080 remain unaddressed by the MOH 13 years later: Appendix M: Exposure and Risk Assessment (1080 and Cyanide): Human Health. Please see the attached Appendix A for a summary of these gaps."

"Q5: Supply three public health audit reports of 1080 poison operations. These reports have the objective of informing the risk assessment documents that the DHB Medical officers 'sign off' for poison operations. What elements of each of these reports have served that purpose and how? For instance, what clinical outcomes from communities served by a water supply that has been part of/near a 1080 poison operation have suffered symptoms and/or diagnosis to illnesses already linked to sublethal doses of 1080 poison (e.g. miscarriage, birth defects, brain and heart disease, infertility rates) (Eisler, 1995.)"

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

I understand that Alison Welch, Manager Government Engagement and Official Correspondence, called you on 28 July 2020 to advise that the EPA has no information that will assist in answering your questions.

Therefore I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the OIA, because the EPA does not hold the information requested.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Dr Allan Freeth
Chief Executive Officer