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Via: [REDACTED]@newsroom.co.nz

Official Information Act request

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received on 14 February 2020, for the following information:

A copy of all abatement notices issued in 2018 and 2019, including any which were withdrawn.

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

I have attached copies of two abatement notices and a cancellation letter issued under section 125 of the Exclusive Economic Zone Act and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012:

Year	Document	Issue	Outcome
2018	Abatement notice to Shell Taranaki Limited	Risk of unauthorised discharge of a harmful substance to the sea	Problem resolved
2018	Cancellation letter to Shell Taranaki Limited		Abatement notice cancelled
2019	Abatement notice to Tamarind Taranaki Limited	Unauthorised discharge of crude oil to the sea	Tamarind is in liquidation, and the notice is still in force

The names of five individuals have been redacted under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

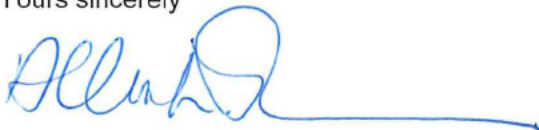
You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Regarding your other OIA request for "investigations", we will have our response to you by 13 March 2020. Our offer to you, of visiting our premises in Wellington, remains open.

In addition to the abatement notices, the EPA has also issued four compliance orders under section 104 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (HSNO). Compliance orders fulfil a similar enforcement function as abatement notices, which HSNO does not provide for. Although you have not specifically asked for these, given your interest in the enforcement of hazardous substances issues, we plan to proactively release these to you by 18 March 2020.

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

Environmental Protection Authority