



OIA17-0708

14 August 2018

Steve Glassey  


Dear Steve Glassey

**FOLLOW UP TO OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

I refer to your official information request of 2 March 2018 relating to animal welfare emergency management concerns, which the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) responded to on 12 April 2018.

MPI's response to your remaining question is detailed below.

1. *CIMS. This will be one of the key requests I do need finalising for my research. If MPI can provide as lead agency for animal welfare in emergencies, it's CIMS documentation for the Edgcumbe response or a response to advice on their existing/use/availability please. If they were not done, don't feel too bad, you are not the only major government entity to have not produced any CIMS documents for the country's largest evacuation emergency. This in itself is helpful for research.*

Thank you for your clarification at our meeting on 23 July 2018, that you were referring to written documentation noted in the *New Zealand Coordinated Incident Management System (CIMS) 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Appendix C Response Documents*. As discussed with you at that meeting, MPI contributed verbally to situation reports, action plans, and task requests to the Controller as necessary. MPI did not produce written action plans for the Edgcumbe response, as described in the CIMS. I acknowledge your concern about this, which you raised at the meeting, and confirm that this will be considered as we hold the post-incident meeting for Edgcumbe.

Yours sincerely

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Kate Littin  
Manager Animal Welfare



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Dear Steve Glassey

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 28 November 2018 for a copy of the written decision log maintained by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) as part of the Edgecumbe response in 2017.

MPI participated in a supporting role as part of the Edgecumbe response, and therefore did not create or maintain its own decision log. Your request is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), as the information you have requested does not exist.

MPI instead contributed to a decision log maintained by Emergency Management Bay of Plenty (EMBOP), which contains information about the full response, including animal welfare aspects. If you still wish to receive the documentation requested, it would be advisable to make a request to EMBOP for this information.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely

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