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Dear Claire Bleakley

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 19 July 2016 relating to the National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry (NES-PF).

You have requested:

1. The date officials submitted draft recommendations on the NES-PF to the Minister for approval;
2. When the Minister and Cabinet are considering the recommendations;
3. When the recommendations will be drafted into law; and
4. To be provided with a summary of the draft recommendations regarding the NES-PF clause 6.4, as it was sent to the Minister.

The following information is released to you under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. Officials provided Ministers a briefing and draft cabinet paper on 15 June 2016;
2. The recommendations are being considered by Ministers;
3. The NES-PF is anticipated to be gazetted in 2017; and
4. The cabinet paper is withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act as the information is currently under active consideration.

MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to withhold some information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Anderson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Stuart Anderson
Director Spatial, Forestry & Land Management