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Ref: PMO 2023-359

Dear Yash Nandwani

Thank you for your email of 10 October 2023 asking for Whakaari White Island to be reopened for visitors, with more stringent regulations of tours.

Although you have suggested your request was made under the Official Information Act, you do not appear to be requesting official information likely to be held by this office. As such, we are responding to your email as correspondence.

The administration of offshore islands, including Whakaari White Island, is set out in the Local Government Act with the Minister of Local Government being the territorial authority supported by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA). I believe DIA is in the best position to respond to your request regarding the status of Whakaari White Island.

I have, therefore, referred your email to DIA, who will respond directly to you.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'AK'.

Andrew Kirton
Chief of Staff