



30 January 2018

Ref: DOIA 1819-0925

Andrew Riddell

Email: fyi-request-9228-bc6b7617@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Andrew Riddell

Thank you for your email of 11 December 2018 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

"Please provide all records the Ministry has on the Regional Development Funding application for the upgrade of the Russell Wharf.

"This includes all communications sent to or received from any person, including from Far North District Council, Far North Holdings Limited, the Russell Wharf and Waterfront Trust and the Minister of Regional Economic Development related to the upgrade to the Russell Wharf and/or the decision to provide Regional Development Fund money towards the upgrade.

"These communications should include any draft(s) and final business case provided, any prior advice provided by the Ministry or its staff on eligibility of the Russell Wharf upgrade for the Regional Development Fund, any communications or advice provided on the business case and its preparation and review, any communications with to from any of the Directors of Far North Holdings Limited or any of the Trustees of the Russell Wharf and Waterfront Trust or the Far North Mayor or any Councillor.

"For the purposes of this request 'communications' includes emails, letter, internal correspondence, briefings, file notes, and so on."

You have assigned this request the reference number DOIA 1819-0464.

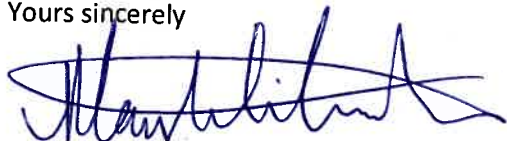
I now request all communications relating to the processing of this request, including the assessment of the request and the preparation of the Ministry's responses to this information request. For the purposes of this request 'communications' includes emails, letters, internal correspondence, briefings, file notes, and so on.

The Ministry has decided to grant your request. However, it will take us some time to process and prepare the information for release and you will receive the information for your request prior to 4 February 2018. At that time we will also provide you with a response to your request DOIA 1819-0464.

Some information will be withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. I do not consider that the withholding of this information under section 9(2) is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone: 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Witcombe', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Alan Witcombe
Manager
Ministerial Services