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Dear Morgan

EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 19 September 2013 regarding the Ruataniwha Water Storage Scheme by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.

1. Correspondence within the Department about this Scheme.
2. Correspondence between the Department and the Minister for Primary Industries about this scheme.

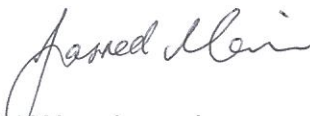
Given the scope of this request, we will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Accordingly, the Ministry for Primary Industries has decided to extend the time limit for responding to your request pursuant to section 15A of the OIA. The Ministry will reply to your request by no later than 8 November 2013.

The extension is necessary because consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the normal 20 working day time limit.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the time limit for responding to your request. A request must be made in writing to:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10 152
WELLINGTON

Yours sincerely

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Resource Policy