



Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

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Sarah Carter  
Via fyi.org

Dear Ms Carter

I refer to your official information requests of 20 and 21 November 2019 for information about the animals washed up on West Coast beaches.

The OIA requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, to Friday 31 January 2020.

This 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 original time limit. We anticipate that contacting the parties we need to consult with may be difficult over the holiday period, and the extension date reflects this. However, we will provide a response as soon as we possibly can.

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

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact me by replying to this email.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Aikman', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Hilary Aikman  
Director, National Operations  
For Director-General