



27 February 2014

Ms Katherine Raue  
Transparency New Zealand

Dear Ms Raue,

**Official Information Act Request - Prosecution of Ewen Macdonald**

I refer to the Ministry for Primary Industries letter OIA13-315 dated 21 February 2014. This letter advises you of the transfer of your request for official information to the police.

I am unable to directly respond to any questions put to the Ministry for Primary Industries regarding Ewen Macdonald.

With respect to your Official Information Act request I can advise you of the following:

- Ewen Macdonald was identified in February 2011 as being a suspect for the crime of "bludgeoning" 19 calves on 9 August 2007.
- Ewen Macdonald was subsequently investigated by police for this crime.
- He was arrested by police on 7 April 2011 for the crime of "bludgeoning" of 19 calves on 9 August 2007.
- Ewen Macdonald was charged with intentional damage pursuant to section 269(2)(a) of the Crime Act 1961. This was an indictable charge with a maximum term of imprisonment of 7 years.
- He entered a guilty plea to this charge and was convicted of the charge of intentional damage.
- On 14 September 2012 Ewen Macdonald was sentenced for this crime by Justice Simon France.
- Ewen Macdonald was sentenced to a term of 1 year imprisonment for this crime.
- On 14 September 2014 Ewen Macdonald was also sentenced for an additional 4 crimes. The final overall sentence of imprisonment for all crimes was 5 years.

If you have any further queries with respect to this matter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Faithfully



Marc Hercock