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Dear Mark Edmond

Thank you for your email of 21 August 2021 requesting information relating to alternative tree species. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

*In April 2014 \$23k was set aside by Associate Primary Industries Minister Jo Goodhew to produce new information for foresters about alternative tree species to reduce our reliance on pinus radiata.
Was there ever a report completed? If so can you please provide a copy or direction to a source.*

Please find attached, as Appendix One, the final report on improving access to practical information on cypresses and eucalypts, dated 31 July 2015.

The links mentioned in the appendix have been updated and can now be accessed here:

- <https://www.nzffa.org.nz/farm-forestry-model/resource-centre/information-leaflets/videos-and-information-notes-2016/growing-cypresses-for-timber---videos-and-information/>
- <https://www.nzffa.org.nz/farm-forestry-model/resource-centre/information-leaflets/videos-and-information-notes-2016/growing-eucalypts-for-timber---videos-and-information/>

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Antonia Reid'.

Antonia Reid
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