

Mr Paul McMahon  
Councillor

Dear Mr McMahon

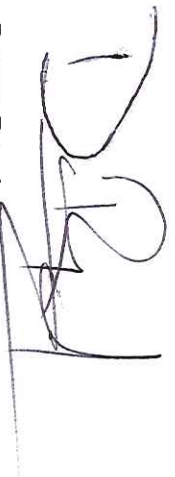
I refer to your email of 25 April 2012 requesting "reports and exploration results regarding permits 52614, 52605 and 38264" as well as "all reports regarding (or containing information regarding) hydraulic fracturing and/or Coal Seam Gas/Shale Gas in Canterbury" since 1 January 2009.

Pursuant to section 15A of the Official Information Act 1982 I am extending the time limit for my reply to your request by 20 working days. I will reply to your request by 22 June 2012.

The reason for this extension is that your request is for a large quantity of official information, the collating of which involves consultation with a number of external entities. This consultation is necessary to make a decision on the request and is such that a proper response cannot be made within the original time limit.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to make a complaint to an Ombudsman about this extension.

Yours sincerely,



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