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Tēnā koe Tim,

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 9 August 2022 for the following:

Could I please have all advice the Ministry has provided to the Minister relating to a National Maori Entity, in the last 12 months?

...If the new entity identifies an area where it believes the system is not giving effect to the principles of Te Tiriti, will it have an advisory role or will the Entity have the power to force other operators within the system to change decisions or plans? Does the Ministry have any internal documents analyzing such questions? Could these please be released to me?

What is the form of input the entity will have into the National Planning Framework? What is the process where the Minister and the Entity disagree? Do you have any internal documents assessing this question? Can these be released?

What is the status of advice the Entity provides to "anyone working in the system"? Will this advice be binding, alternatively, will other parts of the system simply have to respond to this advice, or can they ignore it if they wish? Do you have internal documents assessing these questions? Can these be released?

I am writing to notify you that the Ministry for the Environment is extending the timeframe for its response to your request under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original timeframe.

We will now respond to your request on, if not before, 20 September 2022, which is an extension of 10 working days.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Ngā mihi



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