



OIA22-0678

15 December 2022

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Dear Sean Marshall

Thank you for your email of 18 August 2022 requesting information relating to court documents. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

Please provide a copy of any pleadings and any interlocutory applications either filed by or served on the Minister or the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee in the proceedings described in the article below.

<https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/AK2107/S00329/nzala-and-safe-file-court-proceedings-against-the-government-for-their-failure-to-ban-rodeo.htm>

On 15 September 2022, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) extended the time limit to respond to your request to 14 October 2022 pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA. We further advised on 13 October 2022, that we would be unable to respond by this date, and we would endeavour to provide a response as soon as possible.

Please see attached Appendix One, which provides copies of pleadings and interlocutory applications filed or served by the Minister or the *National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee*. Some information has been withheld pursuant section 9(2)(a) of the OIA – *to protect the privacy of natural persons*.

MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

For additional documents regarding this case, we would direct you to apply to the High Court, please refer to their website here: <https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/going-to-court/media/finding-out-about-a-case>. You would also need to use this form: <https://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Forms/MOJ0148.2-Sept-2021-Application-for-access-to-court-docs-updated-v0.6.pdf>.

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 'Peter McCarthy', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Peter McCarthy
Director Legal Services