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Tēnā koe John Luke

Official Information Act request for the Memorandum of Cooperation on climate change between New Zealand and California

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 24 March 2023. You requested:

"I noted, NZ and California sign international climate partnership

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New Zealand and California have signed a cooperation deal on climate change, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced in San Francisco today.

The Memorandum of Cooperation, signed during a meeting with California Governor Gavin Newsom, will facilitate the sharing of information, experiences and research in reducing emissions as well as working together on projects that are good for the climate.

May I kindly request the full copy of the Memorandum of Cooperation mentioned here within."

The Memorandum of Cooperation between the New Zealand Government and the Environmental Protection Agency of the State of California is publicly available on the Office of California Governor, Gavin Newsom's website at: www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/5.27.22-Memorandum-of-Cooperation.pdf?emrc=84d6c9.

Accordingly, your request is declined under section 18(d) of the Act on the basis that the information you have requested is already publicly available.

For completeness, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Kirton
Chief of Staff