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Dr. Steve Glassey
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Dear Dr. Steve Glassey

Thank you for your email of 28 June 2023 requesting information relating to the National Emergency Management Agency submissions. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has established a Regulatory Framework Review Programme (also known as the “Trifecta”) to bring together three projects that have significant alignment. The projects are:

1. developing a new Emergency Management Act (the Act); 2. review of the National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan Order (the Plan Order) 2015 and the accompanying Guide to the National CDEM Plan (the Guide) 2015; 3. development of the National Disaster Resilience Strategy (NDRS) Roadmap.

Request #1: Please supply the final submission made by MPI (including the Animal Welfare Sub-Function, formerly NAWEM) to government (Minister, DPMC and/or NEMA etc) on the above including the pending Emergency Management Bill, addressing animal welfare emergency management arrangements.

Request #2: Please supply copies of stakeholder/external organisation submissions made to MPI on the “trifecta”, where MPI sought feedback in order to collate submissions made on behalf of the animal welfare sector (including but not limited to the Animal Welfare Sub-Function).

The Emergency Management Bill was introduced into the House on 7 June 2023 with its first reading on 28 June 2023 and has been referred to the Governance and Administration Committee.

Prior to this, MPI was consulted as part of departmental consultation. MPI’s submission to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) on 19 July 2022 is attached as Appendix One. Some information has been withheld pursuant to the section 9(2)(h) of the OIA - to maintain legal professional privilege.

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.

MPI sought feedback from stakeholders via the National Animal Welfare Subfunction. Written submissions were encouraged during meetings held in 2022, but none were received. A workshop was held between NEMA with the National Animal Welfare Subfunction on 4 May 2022 to collate the views of the subfunction members. The document created in that session to collate the views is attached for you as Appendix Two.

On 19 July 2023 the Governance and Administration Committee called for submissions on the Emergency Management Bill, with a closing date of 3 November 2023. MPI remains in contact with NEMA officials to discuss the animal welfare issues previously raised.

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 'CG', is positioned above the typed name.

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