

OIA23-0393

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Dear Mark Honeychurch

Thank you for your email of 6 July 2023 requesting information relating to water dowsing or divining. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

I would like to know whether dowsing or divining (using dowsing rods, pendulums or other similar equipment) has been used in any of the projects your organisation has funded over the last 5 years. If so, I would like a list of which projects dowsing was used for, how much was spent on dowsing services, and, if possible, who provided/performed the dowsing.

The Ministry for Primary Industries does not use the method of water dowsing or divining in any of our projects, and has not done in the last five years. Therefore, your request is being declined under section 18(e) of the OIA - *that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.*

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



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