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Graham Carter
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Dear Graham Carter

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 23 March relating to a copy of the vessel Eight Bells' accidental loss reports and catch reports for the past ten years.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has made a decision to withhold the information you have requested under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act as the withholding of this information is necessary where making this information available would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

It should be noted that accidental loss incidents are not illegal and the requirement to report accidental loss exists to ensure fishers are constrained to their ACE holding for any given year. Any accidental catch loss is deducted from the quota holders ACE.

A more detailed explanation of Annual Catch Entitlements is linked here:
<https://www.fishserve.co.nz/information/annual-catch-entitlement>

MPI is satisfied that, in the circumstances of this case, withholding this information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available. You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Turner'.

Dave Turner
Director Fisheries Management