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Dear Ben Watkins

Official Information Act request relating to cloud seeding, weather modification, geo-engineering and related matters

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 10 August 2024. You requested:

“Please provide any and all information known or held by your department in any and all formats, including, but not limited to, documents, draft documents, reports, memos, letters, notes, electronic communications, transcripts, visual presentations, photography, and video/audio recordings containing information pertaining to geo-engineering, weather modification and Solar Radiation Management/Mitigation (SRM) with particular emphasis on cloud seeding, marine cloud brightening/engineering/seeding and Stratospheric Aerosol Injection (SAI).

Additionally, please provide any and all information known or held by your department in any and all formats, including, but not limited to, documents, draft documents, reports, memos, letters, notes, electronic communications, transcripts, visual presentations, photography, and video/audio recordings containing information pertaining to barium, nano aluminium-coated fibreglass (known as chaff), radioactive thorium, cadmium, chromium, copper sulphate, nickel, strontium, graphene, desiccated blood, mould spores, yellow fungal mycotoxins, ethylene dibromide and polymer fibres with relation to their uses, or potential uses, in geo-engineering, weather modification, Solar Radiation Management/Mitigation, cloud seeding and Stratospheric Aerosol Injection.

And Finally, please provide any and all information known or held by your department in any and all formats, including, but not limited to, documents, draft documents, reports, memos, letters, notes, electronic communications, transcripts, visual presentations, photography, and video/audio recordings containing information pertaining to any mention of smart particles, nano machines, nano aerosols, nano-particulates or nano-sized aluminium particles with relationship, if any, to geo-engineering, weather modification, Solar Radiation Management/Mitigation, cloud seeding and Stratospheric Aerosol Injection.”

You have asked for information known or held by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) containing information pertaining to the various matters you have raised. We have understood your request to not include any correspondence received by DPMC, including other official information requests, from individual members of the public. If you intended such correspondence to be included, please advise.

We would usually transfer your request to the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) under section 14 of the Act as the information you have requested is more closely connected to MfE’s functions and responsibilities. Given your request was also sent to MfE, I refer you to their response.

We have undertaken searches of DPMC’s document management system under the subjects you have raised in each of the different parts of your request.

Other than correspondence from individuals, the only documents that hold information with some relevance to your request that has been identified as being held by DPMC are both publicly available. Links to these documents are set out in the table below.

Date	Document Title	Link to Document
August 2016	<i>“The Institute for Governance and Policy Studies, School of Government at Victoria University of Wellington: Policy Quarterly: Volume 12 – Issue 3 – August 2016”</i>	Publicly Available on Victoria University of Wellington website: ojs.victoria.ac.nz/pq/issue/view/541
2 May 2022	<i>“How a government manages crises is key to curbing the rise of conspiracies”</i>	Publicly available on Australian Strategic Policy Institute “The Strategist” website at: www.aspistrategist.org.au/how-a-government-manages-crisis-is-key-to-curbing-the-rise-of-conspiracies/print

To the extent these two documents are relevant to your request, it is refused under section 18(d) of the Act on the basis that the information is publicly available.

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

We do not intend to publish this response on DPMC’s website.

Yours sincerely



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