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Chris McCashin
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Dear Chris

RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 4 August 2025, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Please provide any current or past strategy documents, policies, or guidelines held by the New Zealand Defence Force relating to environmental modification techniques and weather warfare. This includes, but is not limited to, any mention of research, planning, operational use, or international cooperation in these areas.

Any assessments, risk analyses, or internal reports regarding the potential use, defense against, or implications of environmental modification and weather warfare as part of New Zealand's national security or defense strategy.

Information on New Zealand's commitments, obligations, or positions regarding international treaties or agreements relating to environmental modification techniques and weather warfare (e.g., the Environmental Modification Convention (ENMOD)).

Any and all internal memo / notes on weather manipulation and recent events in New Zealand

The Ministry of Defence (the Ministry) is the government agency responsible for the development of defence policy, international defence engagements and the delivery of major capability projects. We are a separate agency to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF). I have answered your request in relation to information held by the Ministry.

No information has been identified within the scope of your request. Accordingly, your request is declined under section 18(e) of the Act.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Schmidt'.

Richard Schmidt
Deputy Secretary, Defence Policy and Planning