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Tēnā koe Spencer,

Thank you for your email received 8 April 2026 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I request copies of all documents held by the Ministry from 1 January 2011 to present that:

1. Provide policy advice, briefing papers, or internal memoranda relating to:

- *geoengineering*
- *Solar Radiation Management (SRM)*
- *Marine Cloud Brightening (MCB)*
- *atmospheric aerosol interventions*

2. Relate to governance, regulation, or oversight frameworks for geoengineering, whether domestic or international.

3. Include correspondence (emails, letters, or meeting notes) between the Ministry and:

- *Earth Sciences New Zealand / NIWA*
- *Royal Society Te Apārangi*
- *Ministry of Transport*
- *Maritime New Zealand*
- *MBIE*

4. Reference:

- *the 2011 Royal Society workshop*
- *subsequent consideration of geoengineering in NZ policy.*

I am writing to notify you that the Ministry for the Environment is extending the timeframe for its response to your request under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original timeframe.

We will now respond to your request on, if not before, 21 May 2026, which is an extension of 10 working days.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā,

Lachlan Brown

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