



OIA26-0384

4 June 2026

Cher Ryker  
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Dear Cher Ryker,

Thank you for your email of 13 May 2026 requesting information relating to aerial spraying over West Auckland in 2003.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) in accordance with section 15A(1)(a) as your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the normal 20-working-day time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of MPI.

MPI will reply to your request by no later than 3 July 2026, earlier if possible.

Should you have any concerns with this extension, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at [Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz](mailto: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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Morehu'.

Michelle Morehu  
**Director Government Services**