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Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua



OIA16-0524

Graham Carter
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Dear Graham Carter

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 4 September 2016 regarding a research project relating to Operation Achilles, which stated:

- All reports, documents, information and emails in relation to this research project. Scott Gallacher stated that the Operation Report Achilles was part of an ongoing research programme.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) assumes that your request is in relation to the camera trial footage captured on board commercial fishing vessels. However, your request is very broad in nature and does not meet section 12(2) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) to make a request that is specified with due particularity.

You may be aware that MPI's Director-General, Martyn Dunne, initiated an independent review in the circumstances around Operations Achilles. The independent review of all prosecution decisions and supporting documents were uploaded to MPI's website on 16 September 2016. Included in the supporting documents is a draft report on the electronic monitoring camera trials entitled: *Using Electronic Monitoring to Document Inshore Set Net Captures of Hector's Dolphins*. This report may contain relevant information to your request and can be found at the following link: (www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/environment-and-natural-resources/sustainable-fisheries/independent-review-of-prosecution-decisions).

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA 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 'Peter McCarthy', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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