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Caroline Evans

Email: fyi-request-4688-6061d049@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Caroline

I refer to your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), dated 1 October 2016, for:

"...all the information , commissioned reports , etc, including emails that led to the Department of Conservation's, and Maggie Barry's ,decision to challenge the recent court of appeal decision opposing the buying and consequent building of the Ruataniwha dam.

...all the information that supports the view that buying the land that will then be given to a private company to use for the building of the Ruataniwha dam. is the correct path for our publicly paid for conservation department to take."

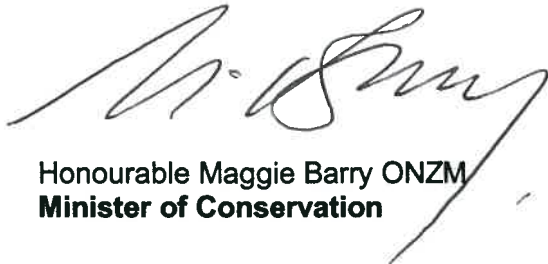
I have withheld all information relating to the first part of your request under section 9(2)(h) of the Act to maintain legal professional privilege. I do not see that my reason for withholding the information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

I have declined the second part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is already publicly available here:

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/news/issues/ruataniwha-revocation-and-land-exchange-decision/>.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decisions by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely



Honourable Maggie Barry ONZM
Minister of Conservation