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Dear Noel Reid

Thank you for your email received 13 November 2016 in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Last week, WorkSafe visited our worksite, following an anonymous complaint. The site is 7 Lewis Lane, off the Coatesville/Riverhead Highway, north of Albany. The WorkSafe inspector is Mr Neil Latimer. I believe it is reasonable for you to provide details of the concerns that anonymous complainant had, and request that you do so.*

WorkSafe New Zealand has decided to decline this request for information. We believe releasing the details of the complaint may identify the complainant. WorkSafe relies on people coming forward with health and safety concerns in order to perform our regulatory function. Our view is that people would be less forthcoming if WorkSafe provided those subject to anonymous complaints with any details that may identify the complainant.

Your request is declined under sections 6(c) and 9(2)(a) and of the Act. The basis for these withholding provisions is as follows:

- Section 6(c) provides conclusive reason to withhold information "if the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law".
- Section 9(2)(a) provides good reason for withholding information "if the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons."

Under section 9(1) of the Act I do not consider that the withholding of this information under section 9(2)(a) is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

You have the right to request a review by the Ombudsman if you have concerns about this response. The Ombudsman's contact details are:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
PO Box 10-152  
WELLINGTON 6143

If you require any further information, please contact [oia@worksafe.govt.nz](mailto:oia@worksafe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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