



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

File ref: LCO-01, No. 12-E-142

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Dear Alex Harris

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your emailed official information request of 18 October 2012 for the following:

- All advice from DOC to the Minister on whether to participate in the case [*you refer to "the judicial review of the Horizons Regional Council's One Plan"*];
- Any advice of communications from other Departments or Ministers on whether to participate in the case.

There is no judicial review. There are appeals against the decision. I verbally advised the Minister of Conservation that we did not need to be drawn into the technical legality of a High Court appeal, when any decision arising from it would be either to confirm the Environment Court decision or to remit it to the Environment Court where the Department would be able to become involved again (having been a party to the Environment Court proceedings).

I am advised that there were no communications from other Departments or Ministers to the Minister of Conservation on whether to participate in the case. Therefore this request is declined under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alastair Morrison'.

Alastair Morrison
Director-General