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OIA17-0611

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Dear Graham Carter

### EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 11 October 2017 attached, which was further clarified with you by phone, with a member of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPIs) Official Information Act team, on 8 November 2017 as follows.

*In the last year:*

- *With regard to the Waikato Commercial Eel Fishing Industry, how many 0800 POACHER complaints have been laid with MPI regarding illegal net setting in the Waikato*
- *How many 0800 POACHER complaints have been laid with MPI regarding illegal net setting nationwide?*
- *How many net placement prosecutions have been carried out in the Waikato and nationwide?*
- *How many warnings have been given to eel fishers for illegal net placement?*

As advised, MPI will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) because your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and as such a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the normal 20 working day time limit.

MPI will reply to your request by no later than 30 November 2017, earlier if possible.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to extend the time limit for responding to your request.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Ministry for Primary Industries,

With regards the Waikato Commercial Eel Fishing Industry, how many complaints have been laid with the MPI regarding illegal net setting in the Waikato and nationwide?

What were the nature of the complaints?

How many prosecutions have been carried out?

How many warnings have been given for illegal net placement?

How many hours are spent policing commercial eel fishing net placement?

Yours faithfully,

Graham Carter

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