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Grayson Ottaway
c/- FYI website

Dear Grayson Ottaway

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 3 November 2017 for advice on the planned tree planting locations in relation to the new "one billion trees" programme.

You have requested the following:

- *Where in New Zealand the new Forestry Service will/likely will be planting the 100 million trees per year and;*
- *How much land will be required to plant the one billion trees in New Zealand?*

Your request for information has been refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) as the information requested does not exist.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is currently working to develop advice on options for delivering the government's goal of planting one billion trees in the next ten years, inclusive of industry replanting. MPI's advice will likely include consideration of afforestation policy objectives, available land, types of trees to be planted, and the possible regulatory and non-regulatory mechanisms that could be used to encourage planting.

However, this work is still in an initial phase and no decisions have yet been made. Therefore, MPI is unable to provide advice about the questions you raise at this stage.

Further information relating to the one billion trees programme will be communicated to interested parties as soon as practicable, including through public consultation processes where these are required.

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 'ETaylor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Emma Taylor
Acting Director, Sector Policy