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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 May 2015 to the Hon Simon Bridges, Minister of Transport about Self Containment Certificates. I am replying on his behalf as the matters you raise fall within my portfolio responsibilities as Minister for the Environment.

I would like to thank you for being responsible and meeting all requirements to make sure your caravan is self-contained.

The NZ Motor Caravan Association has gone to great lengths to support this initiative and I am sorry to hear you have had a disappointing experience with their administration whilst trying to obtain certification. I understand the Association provides an inspection and certification service free to members and charges \$55 for this service to non-members.

My officials advise me that there are a number of registered plumbers who supply certificates in other areas of New Zealand.

Any plumber or other suitably qualified person registered under the Plumber, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Act 1976 is eligible to certify compliance with NZ Standard 5465. The standard also provides for other entities to be issuing authorities if they have a suitable scheme of qualification for testing officers. If VTNZ wish to offer a certification service, the Standard sets out how they can go about starting the service.

Thank you for your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

Hon Dr Nick Smith  
**Minister for the Environment**

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