

9 July 2018

Alex Harris
by email: fyi-request-8065-5b5e666e@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Alex

Official Information Act 1982 (Act) – Request for information - Thompson & Clark

We refer to your email dated 19 June 2018 requesting the following information from the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Limited (NIWA):

“all information relating to, or provided by, Thompson and Clark Private Investigations between the years 2014-2018 held by your agency.”

We write to advise that under section 15A of the Act NIWA has extended the time limit for deciding whether to grant or refuse your request to **6 August 2018**. NIWA has done so because the request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and also because of the unavailability of certain key staff members who are the parties best placed to review this information and to carry out the necessary consultations to make a decision on the request.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to complain to an Ombudsman in order to seek an investigation and a review of this extension of time.

Yours sincerely



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