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Dear Steve Glassey

## DECISION ON OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 31 August 2018 relating to *any information and correspondence mentioning Animal Evac, or such derivatives, held by the Ministry created, received or otherwise, from the period 1 May to 31 August 2018.*

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) undertook a database search for any emails sent between 1 May 2018 and 31 August 2018 that mention the keywords “Animal Evac”, “AnimalEvac”, or “Animal Evacuation”. MPI has collated these emails and has made the decision to release them to you under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Some information has been withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- Section 9(2)(a), *to protect the privacy of natural persons.*
- Section 9(2)(ba)(i), *to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.*

MPI undertook another database search to look for any documents written within the timeframe of your request that contained the above noted keywords. This word appears in the following document, which is released to you under the OIA:

- *Report on Animal Advocacy Hui held on 8 June 2018.*

These materials are being administratively processed and will be released to you no later than 21 November 2018.

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MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available. You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to withhold information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Wilson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bryan Wilson  
Deputy Director-General Regulation and Assurance