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## Extension of Timeframe for Official Information Act Request

Dear Mr Benseman

I refer to your request, received on 11 February 2019, regarding the 2018 aerial application of compound 1080 toxin in the Mapara area of the North Island of New Zealand.

Your request is being considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA).

Under section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA I am extending the time limit for our response to 8 April 2019. This extension is necessary because the consultations that are required to make our decision cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries or wish to discuss your request, please do not hesitate to contact us via [ministerials@epa.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Patchett".

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