



Te Uru Rākau

Forestry New Zealand

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Dear s 9(2)(a)

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 14 May 2019 relating to documentation held by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) regarding swamp kauri. On 10 June 2019, MPI extended the time limit to respond to your request to 5 July 2019. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) and below are responses to each of your questions.

- 1. Copies of any notices of intention to export swamp kauri received between 10 November 2018 and 14 May 2019**
- 2. Copies of any Exporting of Indigenous Forest Produce Inspection Forms relating to swamp kauri between 10 November 2018 and 14 May 2019**
- 3. All documents (including without limitation emails, letters, file notes, notebook entries and photographs) relating to any export or proposed export of swamp kauri as a "finished or manufactured indigenous timber product" between 10 November 2018 and 14 May 2019**
- 4. Copies of any swamp kauri milling statements and statement of source application forms received between 10 November 2018 and 14 May 2019**
- 5. Copies of any milling statements issued in relation to swamp kauri between 10 November 2018 and 14 May 2019**

MPI has made the decision to release all requested information to you under the OIA, excluding emails, as soon as it has been administratively processed. Some information will be withheld pursuant to the below sections of the OIA. 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.

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- Section 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons
- Section 9(2)(b)(ii) - to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information

MPI ran an email search that spanned 10 November 2018 to 14 May 2019 using keywords outlined in your request - 'kauri', 'swamp', 'export', 'indigenous', 'finished' and 'manufacture'. This search returned a substantial amount of results that were extremely varied in the topics they covered. As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. MPI cannot reasonably check every piece of this information to make a decision on whether it may be within the scope of your request.

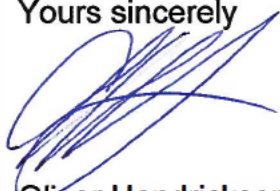
6. *Any guidelines or draft guidelines relating to the export of 'finished or manufactured indigenous timber products'*

This information is publically available, therefore this part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(d) of the OIA. Guidelines for exporting indigenous timber and timber products can be found on the Te Uru Rākau website.

<https://www.teururakau.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/forestry/indigenous-forestry/exporting-indigenous-timber-and-timber-products>

MPI will have all the documents to you by Friday 12 July 2019. You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision.

Yours sincerely



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