



## Office of Hon Nathan Guy

MP for Otaki

Minister for Primary Industries

Minister for Racing

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MinOIA15-006

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 23 July 2015 relating to swamp kauri extraction which requests:

- (i) any briefings or reports from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) since 1 January 2014 on swamp kauri extraction in Northland;
- (ii) any Cabinet Committee or Cabinet papers since 1 January 2014 on swamp kauri extraction in Northland; and
- (iii) the briefings and/or reports which led to the changes to MPI's implementation of the Forests Act 1949, announced on 13 July 2015.

As a result of the recent proactive release of information on swamp kauri to the public, this request is being refused under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act. The documents which respond to parts (i) and (iii) of your request are already available on the MPI website, and can be found at <http://mpi.govt.nz/exporting/forest-products/wood-and-wood-products/swamp-kauri>. In particular, I refer you to two requests which will be of specific interest:

- OIA14-081(Min) which includes copies of all briefings and reports; and
- OIA15-032 which includes a copy of the aide memoire I received before the July announcement.

In regards to part (ii), there have been no Cabinet Committee or Cabinet papers since 1 January 2014 on swamp kauri extraction in Northland.

This OIA release, with your contact details redacted, will also be published on this website in the coming days.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to withhold information. A request must be made in writing to:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsmen  
PO Box 10 152  
WELLINGTON

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan Guy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Hon Nathan Guy  
**Minister for Primary Industries**