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Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 13 March 2023 for "*all written material (notes, emails, documents, reports, memos etc) and recorded material relating to the OIO's investigations of forestry companies Earnslaw One and Juken NZ following forestry slash/wood debris events since 2018*".

Earnslaw One

We have not yet concluded our investigation into Earnslaw One, and we have decided to withhold the information relating to that investigation under s6(c) of the Official Information Act 1982 on the grounds that releasing that information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law.

Juken New Zealand Limited

We have decided to grant your request for information relating to the investigation of Juken NZ as our investigation on that matter is complete.

The documents will be sent to you by the end of next week. This will enable us to finalise some minor redactions and consult with Juken NZ's solicitor.

We will be making some minor redactions to that material to protect the privacy of natural persons under s9(2)(a) of the Act. We do not consider that the withholding of information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

In consulting with Juken's solicitor, we will be asking them for comments on two further potential redactions relating to:

- One piece of information for which grounds might exist under s9(2)(b)(ii)
- One further piece of information for which grounds might exist under s9(2)(ba) of the Act

When we receive Juken's comments on that, we will finalise our decision on these redactions and send the documents to you.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Sarah Scott, Principal Advisor of the Overseas Investment Enforcement team on sscott@linz.govt.nz

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note, this response letter outlining our decision on your request, **with your personal details withheld**, and any attached documentation will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand's website. This is likely to be published by the end of May.

Yours sincerely



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