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BY EMAIL: [REDACTED]@al.nz

Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 19 June 2023 for reports or recommendations made by the Overseas Investment Office to the relevant Ministers in respect to farm to forest conversion applications under the new benefits test. On 23 June 2023 we confirmed that the reports covered by the request were under consideration and agreed to release the reports within 20 working days of the decisions being made.

Please find enclosed the signed assessment reports relating to applications, 202300011, and 202300166 which are covered by the request.

Some information in the assessment reports has been redacted under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982. We are of the view the withholding of the information is not outweighed by the public interest to make that information available.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the writer.

We are continuing to finalise the assessment report for application 202200552 and will provide this to you as soon as possible.

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 early next week.

Yours sincerely



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Manager Applications