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Dear John Luke

### DECISION ON YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 19 July 2019 relating to NAWAC and NAEAC minutes.

Under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) will be releasing the full NAEAC minutes for 2017 – 2019 as requested, once they have been administratively processed.

Some information will be withheld pursuant to the following sections of the OIA:

- *Section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of 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 is the subject of the information.*

The full NAWAC meeting minutes for the years 2016 – 2019 are refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, *that the information will soon be publically available.*

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. You have the right under section 28(1) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to withhold information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chris Rodwell'.

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