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Tēnā koe Alan

Information Request - Matakana Fire Operational Review

I refer to your official information request dated 16 December 2021 asking for the Operational Review of the Matakana Island fire that occurred on 13 December 2020.

I can advise that the Operational Review has been substantially progressed but is not yet completed. Formally therefore, it is necessary to decline your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the document you have requested does not yet exist.

We would be happy to consider a fresh request for the document once the Operational Review is completed.

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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