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Dear John Luke

Official Information Act request for the Memorandum of Understanding between the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and Volunteering Hawkes Bay

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 21 March 2023. You requested:

"I noted,

<https://www.hbemergency.govt.nz/news/article/99/an-innovative-new-approach-for-local-volunteers-to-help-in-emergencies>

A new partnership between Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (HBCDEM) and Volunteering Hawkes Bay will improve the resilience of the whole community by enabling a streamlined approach for local volunteers to assist during emergencies.

On Tuesday, the two organisations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalise an arrangement where Volunteering Hawkes Bay will provide volunteer management services for HBCDEM. The agreement is targeted at people interested in being 'spontaneous' volunteers – community members who offer their services on the spur of the moment in response to an emergency event.

Can you please provide the full copy of the MOU mentioned here within."

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not hold the Memorandum of Understanding you requested. Following consultation with the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence I understand it is held by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council, which administers the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group. Accordingly, I have decided to transfer your request to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council under section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

The Hawke's Bay Regional Council has the usual timeframes under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Amy Teague
Manager, Ministerial Services