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Ref: PMO 2022-306

Tēnā koe Chris McCashin

Official Information Act request relating to the Memorandum of Cooperation between New Zealand and California of the United States of America

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 29 September 2022. Your request was:

"Can you please provide a copy of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the NZ Government and the EPA of the State of California

Can you also provide

- *Legislative authority by which the MOC was entered into*
- *Cost / Benefit analysis associated with the MOC*
- *Analysis of the MOC and reports and recommendations associated with partnering with California*
- *Unintended consequences on New Zealanders - poverty?*

By way of background information associated with California is the PM wanting to partner with a state with the following statistics

- *Highest gas tax, sales and income (actually that does mirror NZ)*
- *Highest inequality*
- *Worst public schools*
- *Over regulation seeing business leaving in droves*
- *Cut offs of water seen land jobs decimated (three waters anyone)*
- *High unemployment*
- *Rolling black outs*
- *Unable to service power grid yet recommending electric cars*
- *Over regulation of housing contributing to housing crisis*
- *Annual net loss in people (they generally move to Red States where central and local government stay out of peoples lives to an extent and taxes are low)".*

We believe that the information you have requested is more closely connected to the functions of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry). Accordingly, we have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer your request to the Ministry.

We have extended the 10 working day time-limit available to make this transfer. This extension was required because of the consultations needed to make a decision on your request.

The Ministry has the usual time limits from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Raj Nahna', written in a cursive style.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff