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Dear James Kirk

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 30/06/2019 for *“any and all information, including reports, emails and comments associated with investigations, relating to cattle mutilations in New Zealand since 1 January 2015, where it was found to be inconclusive as to what caused the mutilation or where no conventional explanation (i.e. animal predation) could be given of the mutilation”*.

On 3 July 2019 and 12 July 2019 a member of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) team contacted you regarding your request. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) provided you with an explanation that assessing the size of your request would require a manual search through multiple different databases and documents relating to every animal welfare investigation across New Zealand for the last four years. This would take a substantial amount of time and effort to collate.

Despite reasonable efforts to make contact with you and clarify your request, MPI has not received any further details about the information you are seeking and is difficult to interpret without further context. Therefore, as outlined above, your request for information has been refused under section 18(f) of the OIA. If you wish to make a new, refined request, please contact Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Orr', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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