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Dear T Austen

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information requests on 20 November 2019 relating to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) response to Kauri Dieback.

As your two requests are for information on similar topics, I have provided responses to both in this letter.

- 1. Why have controlled area notices, like those in force in the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park and Goldies Bush, not been put in place over areas in Northland and Coromandel that also have Kauri Dieback?*

Both within the Kauri Dieback Programme and externally, there were calls to look at additional tools to manage the spread of kauri dieback including through the use of Controlled Area Notices (CANs), closures and track ambassadors.

Following discussions with Auckland Council, Department of Conservation (DOC), and Biosecurity NZ, the application of CANs was identified as being the most appropriate tool to assist with the management of soil movement in certain areas. A CAN states certain goods may not be allowed in or moved from certain areas. CANs for kauri dieback require people to use cleaning stations and to ensure there is no visible soil on their footwear or other items. At a practical level this means CANs allow tracks that meet a dry-foot standard, where there is an all year round dry surface track, to be open.

The extent of disease in the Waitākere Ranges, the disease free status of the Hunua Ranges, Auckland Council's closures in the Waitākere and Hunua Ranges, management of the nearby Goldie Bush, and the desire of mana whenua and many other groups to protect these forests meant they were a good place to introduce CANs.

The Programme is working through our compliance and monitoring processes to assess their effectiveness, and may issue more CANs in the future.

You can read more about controlled area notices at: www.kauridieback.co.nz/controlled-areas/.

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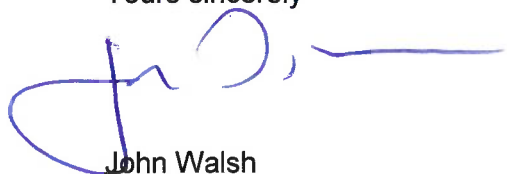
2. *When will the National Kauri Dieback Pest Management Plan come into force? If it is already in force, where can I find a copy?*

A National Pest Management Plan (NPMP) for Kauri Dieback is not in force and the Biosecurity Act 1993 requires a number of steps to be implemented before one can be put in place. Biosecurity New Zealand officials are currently providing advice to the Minister on these matters.

You can keep up to date with work to save kauri at: www.kauridieback.co.nz.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response.

Yours sincerely



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