



20 September 2021

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Ref: OIA-2021/22-0176

Dear Harry Peterson

Official Information Act request relating to extending the Alert Level 4 for the Northland Region in August 2021

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 27 August 2021 and clarified on 9 September 2021. You requested:

- *all formal advice that references the extending of the alert level four lockdown for all of Northland, received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet as part of broader advice on alert level changes for New Zealand.*

I have decided under section 15A of the Act to extend the time limits for deciding on your request by an additional 20 working days. Consequently, the extended due date for your response will be 22 October 2021.

The extension is required because of the consultations needed to make a decision on your request. Despite the extension, a response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial and Business Services