



CABINET OFFICE

27 July 2022

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Ref: OIA-2021/22-1471

Dear Harry Peterson

**Official Information Act request relating to mentions of 'Whangārei' in Cabinet papers**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 2 July 2022. You requested:

*"I am requesting, pursuant to the statute created under the Official Information Act 1982, a record of times 'Whangārei', or 'Whangarei', has been mentioned in Cabinet papers from the date beginning 26 October 2017 to present.*

*I am also requesting copies of documentation/discussion on the topic of 'Whangārei/Whangarei', from said Cabinet minutes, presentations, documents, or other materials."*

On 14 July 2022, the Cabinet Office contacted you to request refinement of your request, due to the broad scope of your original request. You agreed to refine your request to:

*"Only the mention of Whangārei pertaining to funding decisions within Cabinet."*

On 25 July 2022, the Cabinet Office contacted you for a second time to request further refinement of your request, as there was still a substantial amount of material potentially within scope of your clarified request. You agreed to further refine your request to include:

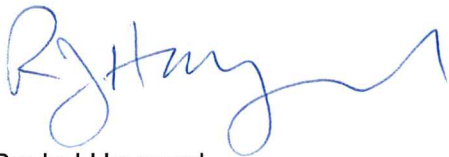
*"All documents and Cabinet papers mentioning Whangārei in relation to infrastructure and health funding decisions from the date beginning October 25 2017."*

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 26 August 2022.

The extension is required because your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information, and consultations are needed before a decision can be made 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Hayward', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Rachel Hayward  
**Acting Secretary of Cabinet**