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26 October 2023

Greg Smith  
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Dear Greg Smith,

Thank you for your email of 27 September 2023 requesting information relating to a report of a snake discovered in a Waihi mine.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) will not be able to respond within the timeframe set out in the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) in accordance with section 15A(1)(b) as consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the normal 20 working day time limit.

MPI will reply to your request by no later than 23 November 2023, earlier if possible.

Should you have any concerns with this extension, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at [Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz). Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Morehu'.

Michelle Morehu  
Director, Government Services