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Dear Mr McKerracher,

### Request for information under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your letter of 26 November 2013 referring to the story in the Otago Daily Times on Monday 18 November and AgResearch's proposal for Invermay.

You requested the following under the Official Information Act 1982:

- i) 'The document or documents that you described in regard to the proposal for building a scientific hub in Christchurch and the downgrading of the Invermay campus in Dunedin? Of particular interest is any document with hundreds of pages outlining the detailed reasons behind the proposal.
- ii) The cost of the number of staff hours spent producing the documentation that you reference.
- iii) The names of the author/s of the report/s.'

Regarding part i) of the request, the Future Footprint project has been operating for at least two years and, during that time, a significant volume of documentation has been generated that fits within the scope of your OIA request.

This letter is to notify you that I am extending the time available to answer your request. My response will now be made by 13 February 2014.

The reason for the extension is:

15A 1(b) Consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot be reasonably be made within the original time limit.

You specifically requested any document with hundreds of pages outlining the detailed reasons behind the proposal. There is no single document of this type. You may wish to note my quote regarding the hundreds of pages and thousands of hours was a reference to the effort put in to the *development* of the AgResearch future footprint proposal.

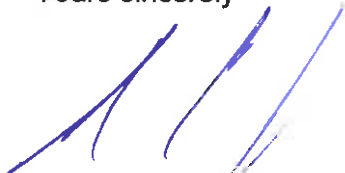
Regarding part ii) of the request, documentation is not held on staff hours spent working on the project. This part of the request is therefore refused as permitted by section 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

Regarding part iii) of the request, this information is withheld under Section 9(2)(a), so as to protect the privacy of AgResearch staff.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act.

The Ombudsman  
PO Box 10-152  
WELLINGTON 6143  
Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely



**Hon. Steven Joyce**  
Minister of Science and Innovation