

Official Information Act Transfer

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Tēnā koe e Claire

Thank you for your official information request dated 15 October 2023 for information regarding activities under ERMA200223.

The Environmental Protection Authority does not hold the information you have requested, except for this part:

We regard the oversight and consideration by the EPA on the ERMA200223 Annual report as poor. The EPA has ignored the missing data and unreported activities and considerable delays in providing the reports between 01/06/2022 - 31/5/2023. This constitutes a serious breach of the required controls regarding ERMA200223 annual reports information provided to the EPA. The ERMA20023 decision says

Control 11: Annual reporting states

The approval holder must provide an annual report to ERMA New Zealand by 31 August of each year while this approval is in use.

Each annual report will be made available to the public and must include a description of:

- a) any outdoor development activities;*
- b) any unforeseen adverse effects resulting from the genetic modifications;*
- c) any relationship development and management initiatives undertaken with any iwi liaison group*

- Please explain why the EPA has not addressed the absence of information in the 2023 ERMA200223 Annual report from 31/1/2023 – 01/06/2023?

In Summary

Please provide the documentation and replies in the ERMA200223 Annual report, 2023 they should have been provided by August 31 2023.

We believe AgResearch holds the rest of the information you have requested. Therefore we have transferred your request, except for the part quoted above, to AgResearch under section 14(b)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982.

You will hear further from AgResearch concerning that part of your request. AgResearch may be contacted at: [Contact us - AgResearch](#)

Nāku noa nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cath Spiller', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cath Spiller
Manager Government Engagement and Information Management