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Reference: OIA-2018/19-0624

Dear

## Official Information Act request for all correspondence with Plaman Resources Limited in last two years

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 17 May 2019. You requested:

"...copies of all correspondence to and from, and any other documentation, between the the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (and its staff) and Plaman Resources Limited and people working for, or contracted to represent it, in the last 2 years.

This is specifically in relation to Plaman's proposal to mine diatomite at Foulden Maar in Middlemarch near Otago."

We have undertaken a search of Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (DPMC) electronic databases and have not identified any information within scope of your request. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

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

This response will be published on DPMC's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

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