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Dear

## Official Information Act request relating to NEMA Business Plan 2023 - 2027

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by both the National Emergency management Agency (NEMA) and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (DPMC) on 1 March 2023.

In your request email to NEMA, you requested:

*"I am enquiring as to if you have a current Business Plan that is available for general public viewing. I note that the last publication that is currently available from your website is dated for the period of 2018 – 2022.* 

If you are able to furnish me with the latest version I would be most grateful or alternatively, if there is no updated business plan that is currently available, could you please advise me as to when this may be made available for public consumption?"

In your request email to DPMC, you requested:

"I would like to request the following publication and have already attempted to make contact with NEMA at the following email address as per their website ;contact list which is as follows: emergency.management@nema.govt.nz, yet I received a email stating that this address is not in use.

The publication I would like to request is as follows: Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Business Plan 2023 – 2027."

As NEMA is located within DPMC, we have combined your requests and will provide a single response in this letter.

Unfortunately, the document you requested does not exist. Accordingly, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA because the requested document does not exist.

While we are refusing your request, we encourage you to read DPMC's Strategic Intentions document which NEMA contributes to. This can be accessed on DPMC's website here: <a href="https://dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2020-08/strategic-intentions-2020-21-to-23-24.pdf">https://dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2020-08/strategic-intentions-2020-21-to-23-24.pdf</a>.

I acknowledge the previous Business Plan's on the NEMA website were produced and released by the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management before the Ministry transitioned into NEMA. These previous business plans can be accessed here: <u>https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/about/about-nema/strategic-business-plan/</u>.

NEMA may publish a document like this in the future and in the event we do, it would become available on the DPMC publications webpage, <u>https://dpmc.govt.nz/publications</u> and the NEMA website, <u>https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/</u>.

In addition to your request, you mentioned receiving an email stating the NEMA email address, <u>emergency.management@nema.govt.nz</u>, was not in use. We would like to confirm this address is still in use and the automatic reply only aims to state the address is not monitored 7 days a week, rather than suggesting it is no longer in use. We apologise for any confusion and welcome you to write to this address if you have any further questions for NEMA.

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

This response may be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet'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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