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RE Official information request CDHB 9999

We refer to your email dated 13 December 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

- **All available correspondence in relation the survey study of the effects of quarry dust on the Yaldhurst environment and residents, as carried out by Mote and released by Ecan which were widely reported as being reviewed and supported by CDHB Medical Officer Dr Ramon Pink.**
- **All written correspondence between CDHB staff, Ecan, Mote, quarry companies, media and residents. To include notes, memos, email and other written correspondence covering the period of the Mote study and its release in July and any further correspondence since the release of the Mote survey.**
- **All recorded information on this matter, including discussions, action taken and recommendations along with any non-published retractions by Dr Pink. To also include email or written correspondence within the CDHB and its representatives to outside organisations.**

In our estimate the work involved in locating, researching and collating this information and the effort involved in determining what information fell within scope of the request would take more than 30 hours to complete.

Consequently, we are refusing your request as it stands, under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act, in that to provide the information requested would entail substantial collation and research due to the amount of documentation that would need to be reviewed.

Environment Canterbury is the lead agency for the Yaldhurst Air Quality Monitoring programme for which you have requested the above information. As lead agency Environment Canterbury have made publicly available, documentation relating to this programme. This can be found on their website: www.ecan.govt.nz/quarries

If you disagree with our decision to withhold information you may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek an investigation and review of our decision from the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz; or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carolyn Gullery
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