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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 1 April 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- A. *Fuel Supply Risk Assessments*
 1. *Any reports, briefings, or assessments (within the past 3 years) relating to:*
 - a. *National fuel supply vulnerability*
 - b. *Risks associated with reliance on imported fuel*
 - c. *Strategic fuel resilience*
- B. *Input into Refinery Closure or Transition*
 2. *Any advice, input, or consultation provided by the New Zealand Defence Force in relation to:*
 - a. *The closure or conversion of the Marsden Point refinery*
 - b. *The transition to reliance on imported refined fuel*
- C. *Contingency Planning*
 3. *Any contingency plans, exercises, or preparedness strategies relating to:*
 - a. *Fuel supply disruption*
 - b. *Shipping interruption*
 - c. *Fuel allocation during emergencies*
- D. *Critical Infrastructure Dependencies*
 4. *Any assessments identifying:*
 - a. *Critical sectors dependent on fuel supply (e.g. defence, logistics, emergency services)*
 - b. *Vulnerabilities associated with fuel shortages*
- E. *Recent Briefings*
 5. *Any briefings, reports, or communications (within the past 90 days) relating to:*
 - a. *Current fuel supply conditions*
 - b. *Emerging risks or concerns*

I apologise for the additional time required to provide this decision on your request. The scope of your request is limited to information held by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF).

The NZDF provided no input *into Refinery Closure or Transition*. This part of your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA.

The NZDF carries out contingency planning and preparedness activities for a broad range of eventualities, including fuel and shipping disruption. As a critical element to NZDF capability, information related to current NZDF fuel levels, planning, and assessments are withheld in full in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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