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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 23 July 2026, to the Public Service Commission seeking a list of any assessments or analysis of security risks for New Zealand related to climate change since 2018. The Public Service Commission transferred your request to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You have referenced a 2018 climate change assessment by the Ministry of Defence and the NZDF that was published in 2018. Further to this, an implementation plan on that report was published in 2019 and is also publicly available on the Ministry of Defence website¹.

Since 2019, the NZDF has provided comment on climate change in its Annual Report. Copies of these are publicly available on the NZDF website². While not at a national level, the NZDF regularly assesses risks for operations and capability, including for all NZDF camps and bases around the country. These assessments include matters related to climate change; however, information related to these assessments is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA.

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.

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.

Yours sincerely

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¹ <https://www.defence.govt.nz/publications/responding-to-the-climate-crisis/>

² <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/media-centre/search-our-libraries/documents/?search=annual+report&sort=relevance>