Headquarters
New Zealand Defence Force
Defence House
Private Bag 39997
Wellington Mail Centre
Lower Hutt 5045
New Zealand

OIA-2026-5992.2
OIA-2026-5992.3

3rd November 2026

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

I refer to your emails of 2 and 27 October 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) further information regarding any New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) operations conducted near the location you specified on 24 August 2026, and concerns about flights that may have been relevant to Civil Aviation Rule 91.255D were not considered.

No NZDF operations of any kind were conducted in the specified area during the month of August 2024. As previously advised, the NZDF does not hold information regarding foreign or private flights in New Zealand.

With respect to *Civil Aviation Rule 91.255D concerning certain aircraft operations without ADS-B transmission for discreet purposes*, as no NZDF aircraft were operating there is no additional information to consider.

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 https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/make-complaint 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

GA Motley
Brigadier
Chief of Staff HQNZDF