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On 13 May 2021, Stats NZ transferred your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

Please provide regional LULUCF (emission removals due to land use, land use change and forestry) data for the longest number of years available, broken down by region (Southland, Otago, Canterbury etc). Territorial authority would also be acceptable.

Your request has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

As you are aware, Stats NZ uses a significant amount of national inventory data when calculating regional gross emissions, but this does not include removals associated with land use change and forestry.

Regarding information held and prepared by the Ministry, undertaking regional analyses would be resource intensive, and as some data would not hold at a regional level, or is not available, the analyses would not be accurate. The Ministry instead uses national datasets such as the National Exotic Forest Description. All of our emissions factors are at national level.

If you would like to request other information regarding LULUCF data, please let us know. Note we will treat any further requests as a new request under the Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

Electronically approved by Deborah Burgess

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