

9 November 2011

Rt Hon John Key
Prime Minister
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

Dear Prime Minister

Under the Official Information Act 1982 I request the following information:

- a) Copies of all email correspondence received by you, your staff or officials working in your ministerial office from Simon Bridges where Mr Bridges expressed concerns about your response to the Rena disaster, how it was being managed or calling on you to step in or otherwise involve yourself.
- b) Copies of all email replies from you or your office to Mr Bridges regarding his concerns.

I am requesting this information under the urgency provisions of the Act and request that this correspondence be provided by the end of the day on Monday, 14 November 2011. The Rena disaster has dragged on now for over a month and reports are that the effects on communities in the Bay of Plenty will continue for a year or more. In the interest of transparency, it is important that all of the facts about the disaster are released quickly so that the public can be assured that everything that can be done is being done and that the Government and its agencies are learning from any mistakes that may have been made.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact my office on (04) 817 9133 if you require any clarification.

Yours sincerely,



Hon Trevor Mallard
MP for Hutt South

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Hon Steven Joyce
Minister of Transport
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

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- b) Copies of all email replies from you or your office to Mr Bridges regarding his concerns, including any expressing a view that the Prime Minister needed to be kept out of such correspondence in order to keep him clean or out of the matter.

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