

**From:** Jenny Lapham  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 Request  
**Date:** Wednesday, 14 October 2020 04:55:00 p.m.  
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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your e-mail below. To clarify – OSPRI transferred the part of your request that related to dogs being on the lead, as referenced in my e-mail and repeated below:

*“If the baits and traps are 30m off the track there is no requirement for dogs to be on lead.  
Please provide your legal authority for issuing that order.”*

To clarify our response - There was no “order” issued relating to Dogs being on the lead. Council as a landowner put a condition on the use of Council land that all bait traps must be 30 metres from any track and recommended that dog owners should keep their dogs on the lead for safety purposes.

We have now answered your question, that was referred to us by OSPRI but if you are not satisfied with our answer you have the right to seek a review by the Office of the Ombudsman, details on how to contact the Ombudsman can be found via the following link

<https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/what-ombudsman-can-help/complaints-about-government-agencies>

Regards

Jennifer Lapham

**Governance Support Officer**  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 October 2020 1:35 p.m.  
**To:** Jenny Lapham <[Jenny.Lapham@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:Jenny.Lapham@dcc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Re: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 Request

Dear Ms Lapham,

That is not the request I made to OSPRI, and the information provided cannot plausibly be considered to provide the information requested.

Not to mention I identified the claim this was a "recommendation" as an inadequate response in email dated 11 September to OSPRI:

*"3. 'Should' is not a word used to make recommendations. Indeed a word exists to express recommendations. It is 'recommendations'."*

According to your email of 18 September, OSPRI transferred my request 17 September.

The DCC has plenty of time to provide the information requested. That is not achieved by regurgitating the same inadequate statement.

Doing so is a blatant employment of harassment, which means to *weary, tire and exhaust*. In this context, clearly directed at harassing me into not requiring an answer.

Nor is a request for information a platform for arguing the substantive issue. Or provocatively treat me as having failed to read the documents that prompted the request for information.

The DCC failed to advise me of my right to complain to the Ombudsman, but if I do not receive a more sensible response to my request before the maximum time-frame expires then the DCC forces me to exercise that right.

Doing so will confirm the DCC's contempt for the Ombudsman. That Office can be expected to be left free to attend to more weighty matters than the DCC's inability to deal with simple requests for information.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jenny Lapham <[Jenny.Lapham@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:Jenny.Lapham@dcc.govt.nz)>

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 13/10/2020, 12:21:47

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request to OSPRI (below), which has been transferred to the Dunedin City Council for response.

*"If the baits and traps are 30m off the track there is no requirement for dogs to be on lead. Please provide your legal authority for issuing that order."*

Staff advise that DCC has issued no such "order". As one of the landowners within OSPRI's operational area, the Council has the opportunity to request certain conditions. The Council has a condition that states that no bait or trap is to be within 30 metres of a track. Council also recommends that dogs should be kept on

a leash within the designated operational area.

Regards

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