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Dear [REDACTED]

### Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 22 November, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

*"a copy of the NCEA Level 3 English exam question paper, specifically any questions in the paper relating to farming or waterway pollution."*

The paper you refer to is Level 3 English, 2019 standard 91474 *Respond critically to significant aspects of unfamiliar written texts through close reading, supported by evidence.*

I attach copies of the following information covered by your request.

- 91474R Resource Book containing Text A: Prose, adapted from Kennedy Warne, 'Troubled Waters', *New Zealand Geographic*, Jul-Aug 2017, p.40.
- 91747 Question Book containing three questions.

We have not included Text B: Poetry, "*Whirlpool*" (for Question Two), as it is also still under copyright and we have not yet sought permission for its release. If you would also like this resource to be able to fully contextualise the relationship of the provided resources to the questions, we are happy to approach the publisher.

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If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact [REDACTED] in the Office of the Chief Executive, email [REDACTED]@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 [REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Poutasi'.

Karen Poutasi (Dr)  
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