



**NAIT INFORMATION  
SYSTEM ACCESS PANEL**  
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## INTRODUCTION

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This Annual Report of the NAIT Information System Access Panel (*Panel*) is provided in accordance with regulation 8 of the National Animal and Tracing (Information System Access Panel) Regulations 2012 (*Regulations*). It reports on the year ended 30 June 2016.

## NAIT Programme

OSPRI's National Animal Identification and Tracing (*NAIT*) programme operates under the National Animal Identification and Tracing Act 2012 (*Act*). It is an industry-led initiative that links people, property and agreed classes of livestock in New Zealand.

At present cattle and deer are traced using NAIT-approved RFID ear tags. Once tagged, each animal is registered in a national database and the details recorded include:

- the animal's location
- movement in the animal's life, and
- contact details for the person in charge of that animal

NAIT data is captured for a wide range of reasons to benefit industry, government and New Zealand including:

- biosecurity
- food safety
- market access
- human health
- animal productivity
- natural disasters
- policy development, and
- lifetime traceability of animals.

The Act provides a comprehensive regime for the management of the data collected by NAIT to ensure that NAIT data is available for these purposes, whilst protecting the privacy of the individuals and organisations that contribute to this dataset<sup>1</sup>.

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1. See Part 4 of the National Animal Identification and Tracing Act 2014

## Information System Access Panel

Applications by third parties to be provided with data captured by NAIT are referred to the Panel or the System Administrator who are empowered by the Act to authorise disclosure of such data if certain statutory pre-requisites are met.

The Panel was established by regulation 4(1) of the Regulations and has the functions, duties and powers set out in regulation 7 of the Regulations. The NAIT information System Administrator is required to be appointed by NAIT pursuant to section 39(2) of the Act.

The members of the Panel are appointed by NAIT Limited pursuant to regulation 4 of the Regulations.

During the year to 30 June 2016, the members of the Panel were:

- Barry Brown  
(Chairman from 16 September 2015)
- Lesley Campbell  
(appointed on 11 December 2015)
- Ted Coats  
(Chairman until 16 September 2015,  
resigned 11 December 2015)
- Barry Harris
- Keith Sutton

During the year to 30 June 2016, the System Administrator was:

- Sarah Pearson-Coats  
(until 4 February 2016)
- Jonathan Rudge  
(from 5 February 2016)

During the year the Panel held four meetings. The Panel maintains a register of member interests and a conflict of interests' policy. It regulates its own procedures.

## Applications

In the year ended 30 June 2016 there were 41 applications for access to NAIT data, of which four were referred to the Panel. The Panel approved two of the applications and two were subsequently withdrawn as the data was no longer required by the applicant.

The two approved applications were for access to NAIT data to support business case development and proof of concept projects for development of electronic animal status declaration forms (eASD)<sup>2</sup>. These projects are being delivered for the Red Meat Profit Partnership which is a collaboration between the Red Meat Sector and Government to drive sustainable productivity improvements in the sheep and beef sector to deliver higher on-farm profitability. In both cases tight conditions were applied on access, including the need to obtain express consent of any person in charge of NAIT animals (PICA) whose data would be used, and management and disposal of information provided.

The other applications were assessed by the System Administrator. These included requests for information

- from the Ministry for Primary Industries to assist it to meet its functions and duties under various legislation relating to animals and animal health (s40(c) of the Act<sup>3</sup>);
- to support police investigations into stock theft and wandering animals;
- to support sector companies to improve compliance with the Act and their service to suppliers, and
- that relates to insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings.

More information on the determinations made by the Panel and System Administrator during the year is provided in Table 1.

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2. Animal status declarations are currently a paper based form that livestock owners are required to complete under the Animal Products Act 1999 to record key information about an animal, or group or animals, (e.g. disease status, treatments received) to transfer to the next person in charge of the animals, and ultimately to the meat processor.

3. To facilitate the purposes of the Animal Products Act 1999, Biosecurity Act 1993, Commodity Levies Act 1990, Primary Products Marketing Act 1953, and any other enactment relating to animals or animal health.

**TABLE 1**

Nature and Purpose of Application	Nature of Information	Decision by	Granted	Declined
<b>Ministry for Primary Industries</b>				
Disease incursion response planning - update FMD spread model - modelling for carcass disposal	Animal movements Animal location	SA	2	
Animal welfare	PICA and animal information, movement information	SA	6	
Animal Products Act - home kill investigation	PICA and animal movement details	SA	1	
International reporting obligations - preparation of report for World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)	Age of animals, number of cattle/ deer in NAIT and number of cattle/ deer establishments in NAIT	SA	2	
FarmsOnline - Improvement of the FOL dataset	Active PICAs, NAIT numbers and associated FOL farm IDs	SA	1	
MPI Policy - Sample for Rural Decision Makers Survey	PICA email addresses	SA	1	
NAIT Compliance	Animals registered at a location	SA	1	
<b>Police</b>				
Stock theft	Animals registered at a location and movement history	SA	4 <sup>1</sup>	5
Wandering stock	Registered PICA of wandering stock	SA	1 <sup>2</sup>	1
<b>Sector</b>				
Business case development for an eASD	All not personal NAIT data	Panel	1	
Proof of Concept project for eASD	All NAIT data	Panel	1	
Benchmarking of company performance in implementing NAIT	Untagged slaughter and tagged slaughter per plant and industry averages for untagged animals at slaughter	SA	1	
Research by a processor into group of animals history	Postcode and property name of animals in study	SA	1	
<b>Other</b>				
Animal welfare investigation by SPCA	PICA details for registered RFID tag			1
Commerce Commission investigation into price fixing by livestock industry participants.	Movements from farm to saleyard and saleyard to farm	SA	2 <sup>3</sup>	
Liquidation & insolvency actions	Movement and animal information registered against identified NAIT number	SA	3 <sup>3</sup>	
Receivership	Transfer of registered animal records to assignment manager	SA	2	
Insurance claim	Contact information for PICA of animals involved in vehicle accident	SA	1 <sup>2</sup>	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>

1. Production Order or PICA consent

2. PICA consent

3. Authority under other statute (ie Companies Act, Insolvency Act, Commerce Act)

Conditions	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAIT to send email to PICAs inviting them to participate in survey</li> </ul>	<p>No PICA personal information was provided to MPI</p>
	<p>There was no information to provide for two of the declined applications.</p> <p>The data access provisions of the NAIT Act do not support the release of NAIT information to the police for the purposes of stock theft or wandering stock, with the exception of where information is necessary to manage risks to life and welfare (e.g. livestock on roads) or receipt of a production order.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAIT data supplied must only be used for the purposes specified in the application</li> <li>• NAIT data must not be shared in an un-aggregated form with any other party</li> <li>• The NAIT data must be held on a secure network</li> <li>• express consent of eASD users to utilising their NAIT information required</li> <li>• Consent statements to be reviewed and approved by NAIT system administrator</li> <li>• link to PICA's personal information only after PICA consent granted</li> </ul>	<p>Aggregated non personal information provided</p>
	<p>Anonymised information provided</p>
	<p>Information subsequently provided to MPI for purposes of s40(c) of the NAIT Act</p> <p>Compulsorily provided under s98(a) of the Commerce Act.</p>
	<p>Authority under other statute (i.e.s261 of Companies Act 1999, sections 171 and 172 of the Insolvency Act 2006)</p>
	<p>PICA consent provided</p>
	<p>There was no information to provide for the declined application</p>

## No complaints or breaches

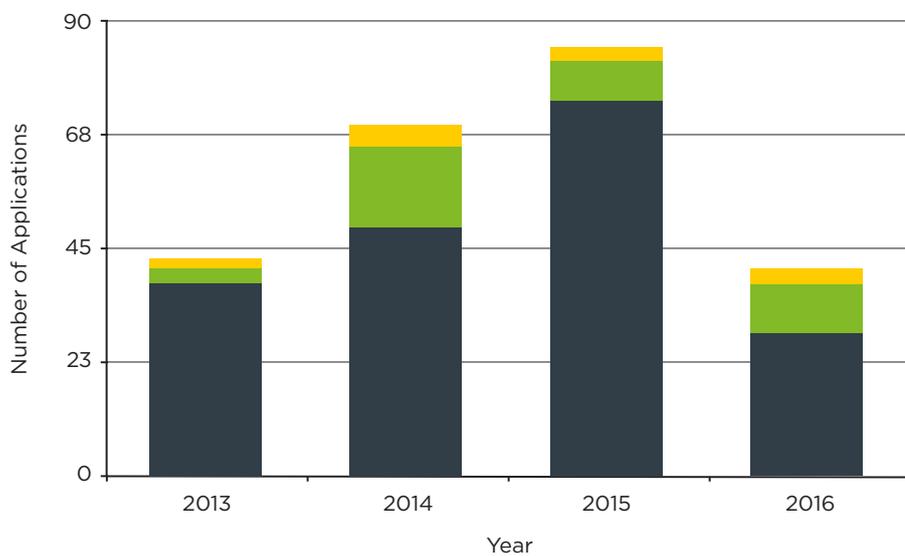
During the year the Panel did not receive any complaints. Nor did it become aware of any breaches of conditions imposed on any grant of access.

## Summary of application decisions since 2012

The number of applications for access to NAIT has varied over the past 4 years (see Figure 1). Over 80% of applications have been granted, with the exception of 2013/14 when several applications for information relating to stock theft were declined.

Figure 1 summarises applications considered since NAIT's establishment in July 2012.

**FIGURE 1**  
NAIT Data Access decisions since 2012



- Relevant information not held in the NAIT system
- Declined
- Approved



