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Dear Ngaire Small

Thank you for your emails of 8, 15, 26, and 30 October 2011 regarding aerosol spraying.

As I have stated to you in our previous correspondence there is no orchestrated Government campaign to spray chemicals into the atmosphere. There is no evidence to suggest that the phenomena that has been observed are anything other than either vapour trails left by aircraft, or clouds formed by a natural process known as cloud streeting.

The photos you sent match with flight paths that might be expected for aircraft flying on the Auckland to Christchurch route, and on the Wellington to Melbourne route. The weather you have described corresponds to what would normally be expected ahead of a front.

I would like to reassure you that I would not allow the sorts of activities you describe to affect the environment in which we live.

Yours sincerely

Hon Dr Nick Smith

Minister for the Environment