

GOVERNMENT HOUSE New Zealand

19 November 2008

Mr Scott Watson C/- Christchurch Prison P O Box 4726 CHRISTCHURCH

Dear Mr Watson

The Governor-General, Hon Anand Satyanand, has asked me to acknowledge your correspondence, received 1 November 2008 applying for the exercise of the Royal prerogative of mercy pursuant to Section 406 of the Crimes Act.

At the Governor-General's request I have referred your correspondence to the Minister of Justice for his formal advice. When this is received His Excellency will consider it and you will be informed of his decision.

Yours sincerely

Robert J Taylor

Official Secretary to the Governor-General