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Kia ora Anthony

**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-031350**

Thank you for your email of 24 March 2024, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Copies of Reports that were Issued to the ACC Pertaining to the Recommendation of Dissolution of the Multi-Discipline Panel in 2018*
2. *Correspondence forwarded to any Agency, by the ACC, for the Request of such Reports/Recommendations*
3. *Any other Correspondence that may Identify factors why such recommendations were made*

**Recommendation to disestablish the External Medical Panel (EMP)**

The only paper that gives a recommendation or pertains to a recommendation for the disestablishment of the EMP (which we understand to be the panel referred to in your request) was the memorandum of 22 February 2019. Please refer to our response of 9 August 2021 (Ref: GOV-012356) for this document.

That memorandum was drafted by ACC staff. No requests to any other agency for such recommendations were made. Therefore, we are refusing question 2 as the correspondence requested does not exist. This decision is made under section 18(e) of the Act.

**Emails identifying ACC's reasons to disestablish the EMP**

We have identified an email from ACC's Clinical Advice Manager, dated 27 March 2019, to panel members regarding ACC's decision to disestablish the EMP. The email outlines ACC's reasons to discontinue the panel and we have provided a copy of it with this response. As staff details were not requested, they have been deemed outside the scope of your request and removed from the document. We have redacted the names of panel members under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the panel members' privacy. We have considered the public interest in the information and have determined that it does not outweigh their privacy interests.

**As this information may be of interest to other members of the public**

ACC has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on ACC's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available [www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12](http://www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12).

**If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch**

You can email me at [GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz](mailto:GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz). If you are not happy with this response, you can also contact the Ombudsman via [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

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