



04 SEP 2018

Valerie Morse

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Dear Ms Morse

I write in reference to your 4 July 2018 Official Information Act (OIA) request, requesting all information held by NZ Police relating to Thompson & Clark concerning:

- Oil Free Wellington from the period 2014-2018
- Peace Action Wellington from the period 2015-2018
- Auckland Peace Action from the period 2016-2018
- Climate Justice Taranaki from the period 2014-2018

On the 27 July 2018 you were advised Police were seeking an extension to this request pursuant to Section 15A(1) of the Official Information Act 1982 to further consider a response to this request.

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Thompson and Clark Investigations Limited (TCIL) were engaged by a number of commercial clients during the periods you have specified.

During that time TCIL completed a number of reports on behalf of their commercial clients. When TCIL disseminated reporting to their clients they also shared some of that reporting with Police.

The reporting that was supplied to Police was shared with confidentiality in mind and carried a clear and specific caveat:

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Given the clear caveats placed on their documents, TCIL have been consulted about this request. They have not consented for New Zealand Police to release any information contained within their documents that may fall within the scope of your request.

Please be advised that after careful consideration a decision has been made to decline your request pursuant to Section 9(2)(ba)(i) and 6(c) of the Official Information Act.

These sections relate to information provided to Police under an obligation of confidence. An obligation of confidence is the basis on which TCIL has provided Police with reports it originally prepared for their commercial clients.

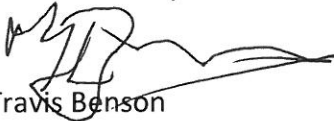
As a general rule, Police rely on the co-operation of the public to assist in its prevention and law enforcement functions.

The provision of information by the public to Police is an interest that Police seek to protect.

The release of the information you have requested could prejudice the provision of information given to Police by third parties in the future.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsmen, and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis Benson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Travis Benson
Manager: National Intelligence Centre
New Zealand Police