



25 May 2020

Dr Simon Thornley
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Dear Dr Thornley

Official Information Act request relating to COVID-19 communications relating to posts made by Dr Simon Thornley and the COVID Plan B team

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 15 May 2020. You requested:

“Under the official information act, I would like to see all e-mails or other written communication from the Prime Minister's office to media outlets in New Zealand related to posts made by Dr Simon Thornley, or other members of the "Covid Plan B" team (<http://www.covidplanb.co.nz/>), about Covid-19 or the government's response to this issue.”

I believe that the information you have requested is more closely connected to the functions of the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, and section 39(b)(ii) of the Privacy Act 1993 where the requested information relates to yourself, to transfer your request to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister has the usual timeframes from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial Services