



## Prime Minister

Minister for Arts, Culture & Heritage

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Minister for National Security & Intelligence

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Dr Simon Thornley

By email: [fyi-request-12847-85e314e8@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-12847-85e314e8@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Ref: PMO 2020-104

Dear Dr Thornley

### **Official Information Act request relating to communications relating to posts made by Dr Simon Thornley**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request of 15 May 2020. Your request was transferred by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and received by this Office on 25 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 have decided under section 15A of the Act to extend the time limit for deciding on your request by an additional 20 working days. To the extent the requested information relates to yourself, I am also extending the time limit for making a decision on your request by 20 working days under section 41 of the Privacy Act 1993.

The extension is required because of the consultations needed to make a decision on your request. Despite the extension, a response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act and/or to ask the Privacy Commissioner to investigate and review my decision under section 67 of the Privacy Act 1993.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raj Nahna'.

Raj Nahna  
Chief of Staff