

## Natalie McNaught

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**From:** Natalie McNaught  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 20 May 2014 12:36 p.m.  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Official Information Act request  
**Attachments:** N04-001 to N04-037.pdf; N08-001 to N08-005.pdf; N15-001.pdf

Hi Craig

Under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) you have requested full copies of objections to the proposed electorates of Helensville, Upper Harbour, Epsom and Mount Roskill.

Copies of the objections to (N04) Helensville, (N08) Upper Harbour and (N15) Epsom are attached. I will send through (N13) Mt Roskill objections separately because of the size of these pdfs. Two objections will be attached for N12-001 and N13-002 respectively. Other form submissions that were categorised as part of N13-001 or N13-002 were substantially the same as the ones provided.

Personal information of submitters has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. I am satisfied that there are no other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, for the information I am withholding to be made available.

You have also asked for any documents relating to the Commission's decision-making process regarding these objections, noting that some objections were allowed and some disallowed and you would like to find out why.

The summaries of all objections and counter-objections, together with the decision in each case appear in Schedule E of the final report, which is available here: <http://www.elections.org.nz/events/electorate-boundary-review/final-electorate-boundaries>. When the Commission deliberated on the objections and counter-objections their decision for each submission was recorded by me, as Secretary to the Commission, in the electronic document that was subsequently produced as Schedule D.

The statutory criteria the Commission shall take into consideration and its decision making for the proposed boundaries is explained in the proposed report, which can be found here: [http://www.elections.org.nz/sites/default/files/bulk-upload/documents/proposed\\_electoral\\_districts\\_2013\\_report.pdf](http://www.elections.org.nz/sites/default/files/bulk-upload/documents/proposed_electoral_districts_2013_report.pdf) The Commission provided an explanation for the proposed changes at the beginning of each grouping of electorates.

An overview is also provided in the front part of the Commission's final report, see: [http://www.elections.org.nz/sites/default/files/bulk-upload/documents/report\\_of\\_the\\_representation\\_commission\\_2014.pdf](http://www.elections.org.nz/sites/default/files/bulk-upload/documents/report_of_the_representation_commission_2014.pdf). In particular, pages 12 and 13, on the objections and counter-objections provides an explanation of the matters the Commission was able to give consideration to as a result of the public submission process.

There are no other documents relating to the Commission's decision-making process regarding these objections and counter-objections.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to complain to the Ombudsman about the decision to withhold information or if you are not satisfied with the response to your request.

Kind regards

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**From:** Craig Robertson [<mailto:>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 May 2014 9:51 p.m.  
**To:** Natalie McNaught  
**Subject:** Re: Form submission from: Contact the Electoral Commission

Hi Natalie,

Summaries are okay for number 1. As for number 2, if the N13-001 and N13-002 objections are available in a single format that represents the gist of all of the objections (i.e. a copy of one full objection that substantially represents the other objections that are similarly worded), that would be fine. Accompanying summaries would also be great (if that's not too much hassle). As for number 3, electronically is fine.

I hope that clarifies things and makes things simpler.

Regards,

Craig Robertson

On Wed, May 7, 2014 at 4:49 PM, Natalie McNaught <[natalie.mcnaught@elections.govt.nz](mailto:natalie.mcnaught@elections.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi Craig

I am in the process of compiling the information you have requested.

Could you please confirm the following:

1. Do you require copies of the counter-objections for N04, N08, N13, and N15 as well as the objections? A summary of the counter-objections can be viewed here: [http://www.elections.org.nz/sites/default/files/bulk-upload/documents/summary\\_of\\_counter-objections\\_to\\_proposed\\_district\\_february\\_2014.pdf](http://www.elections.org.nz/sites/default/files/bulk-upload/documents/summary_of_counter-objections_to_proposed_district_february_2014.pdf)
2. For N13-001 and N13-002 do you require a copy of every form submission? These two objections amount to 500 pages of objections with most of the objections identically worded. The alternative would be to provide you with a sample of each.
3. Would you like to receive the response electronically or have hard copies sent to you? There will be no charge for the documents to be supplied electronically. However, because of the number of objections you have requested there will be a charge for the documents to be copied and sent to you. If you would like hard copies I will arrange for you to be invoiced once I have your response to 2. above.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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----- Original Message -----

**Subject:**Form submission from: Contact the Electoral Commission

**Date:**Thu, 17 Apr 2014 14:04:58 +1200 (NZST)

**From:**Electoral Commission <

**To:**[feedback@elections.org.nz](mailto:feedback@elections.org.nz)

Submitted on Thursday, April 17, 2014 - 14:04

Submitted by user:

Submitted values are:

Reason for contact: Request

Name: Craig Robertson

Email:

--Issue Type--

Issue Types: General Enquiry

Your Message:

Request for information.

Good afternoon,

I am seeking information regarding the decision-making process for the 2014 election electorate boundaries.

I am making this request under the Official Information Act, seeking to obtain copies of the objections submitted to the Electoral Commission regarding electorate boundaries.

Specifically, I am seeking to obtain the letters/forms submitted to the Commission regarding the Helensville, Upper Harbour, Epsom and Mount Roskill electorates. Those objections are outlined in a document released by the Commission

([http://www.elections.org.nz/sites/default/files/bulk-upload/documents/h1\\_schedule\\_d.pdf](http://www.elections.org.nz/sites/default/files/bulk-upload/documents/h1_schedule_d.pdf)).

If it is possible to obtain these documents, that would be great.

I am particularly interested in obtaining the detailed objections labelled N13-001 and N13-002. But all objections, from N04, N08, N13, and N15 are being requested here.

It is possible, further, to obtain any documents relating to the Commission's decision-making process regarding these objections? Some objections were allowed and some disallowed. I would like to find out why.

Again, this is a request being made under the Official Information Act.

Regards,

Craig Robertson

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