



22 September 2021

Will Maynard
By email: fyi-request-16561-d52b86f5@requests.fyi.org.nz

Ref: OIA-2021/22-0177

Dear Will Maynard

Official Information Act request for evidence of the efficacy of mask wearing

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 29 August 2021. You requested:

“Please provide the evidence/studies and efficacy with wearing any type of masks to prevent/reduce the spread of covid19 and any other respiratory illness, the risk and safety factors and the decision paper where it was decided to implement mask requirements.”

I have decided under section 15A of the Act to extend the time limits for deciding on your request by an additional 20 working days. Consequently, the extended due date for your response will be 22 October 2021.

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.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial and Business Services