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Dear John Luke

OIA 22-23-52: NZTE Beachheads Advisors Updates V2

Thank you for your email of 27 April to New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE), making a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You requested the following information:

Thank you for your recent reply NZTE OIA 22 23 30 Beachhead Advisors Updates.

I did not agreed with you that your decision to not release your list of beachhead advisors, some are already available online via LinkedIn and via <https://www.nzteadvisors.com/>.

Two years ago, all your beachhead advisor's profile were available on your website.

Please reconsider your response and I would also like to seek copy of all your internal communications and emails discussing not releasing the full list of beachhead advisors to me.

Answers to your questions are as follows:

1. The website that you refer to is not a government official website. This information has not been released by NZTE. NZTE no longer releases personal information on its Beachhead Advisors via its public website. This is to appropriately manage and maintain the workflow between customers and advisors, ensuring that business can continue, between both parties, without disadvantage and disruption to usual operations. NZTE reserves the right to change the information on any of its websites at any time without notice as stated on our website under Terms of Use and Engagement.

NZTE's Beachheads are unique to the agency's core functions. We stand by our decision to withhold our list of Beachhead Advisors under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(i) of the Official Information Act to:

- Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
 - Enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.
2. We are withholding all internal communications and emails discussing not releasing the full list of Beachhead Advisors as disclosure would inhibit advisors and NZTE people from expressing or recording free and frank advice on OIA requests in the future.

The free and frank discussion of an OIA request allows an agency to go about its usual activities to formulate a response such as the retrieval, collation and peer-review of the information requested. Agencies rely on the ability to complete internal consultation with subject matter experts for free and frank advice. All internal communications are being withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i).

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz or freephone: 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Trochon', written in a cursive style.

Melissa Trochon
Director – Board & Ministerial