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Tēnā koe Michael

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 14 July 2023 for information regarding the Interagency Committee of the Health Effects of Non-Ionising Fields. You requested:

"Information regarding a serious and long-standing conflict of interest on its Interagency Committee on the Health Effects of Non-Ionising Fields, please ask them to provide us specifically with which of the "policies and processes to deal with conflicts of interest" regarding Mr Martin Gledhill, which they (Manatū Hauora) claim it "has done so," please, without obfuscating language that may conceal what, if anything, has happened to resolve the conflict"

Manatū Hauora manages any conflict of interest in line with the Controller and Auditor-General guide for public service: oag.parliament.nz/2020/conflicts. Mr Gledhill declared a conflict that was managed as per Auditor General's guidelines.

The EMF Services website notes their advice on health effects is guided by the findings of reviews of the relevant research that have been published by independent national and international health and scientific bodies. Information on managing their potential conflicts of interest can be found online at www.emfservices.co.nz/about-us.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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