

14 November 2023

Jason Brown

By email to: fyi-request-24516-f9625e29@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Jason

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/87

On Tuesday, 24 October 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

Please provide all addresses for polling stations not open on polling day.

I request this information in a human-accessible format, e.g. xls spreadsheet .

Please do not respond with a locked document, e.g. PDF.

The following list are voting places that were included in the information packs that were delivered to voters. Due to the reasons provided, these voting places were relocated during the advance voting period and closed on Election Day with the approval from the Chief Executive/Chief Electoral Officer:

E#	Electorate	Voting Place closed	Relocated to	Reason for closure
25	Auckland and South	Mt Roskill Grammar School	Mt Roskill Primary School 37 Frost Road Mt Roskill Auckland	Extensive building work to the Grammar School Hall where the voting place was to be located.
59	South Island	Hampden Primary School	Hampden Memorial Hall 25/27 London St Hampden	Painting of the school that had restricted access to the public.
65	South Island	St Thomas of Canterbury, School Hall	A classroom, near the Hall St Thomas of Canterbury 69 Middlepark Road Sockburn Christchurch	The hall was no longer available for a voting place on Election Day as the school had a major school event held on Friday in the hall. Challenges on setting up for Friday and Saturday.

32	Auckland and North	Whangaruru School	Ōakura Hall 153 Ōakura Ōakura Hikurangi	It was decided not to open this voting place due to staff availability and the close proximity of an alternative voting place, 5.6 km / 7 minutes drive away.
05	South Island	Christchurch Central	Te Whare Roimata 274 Gloucester St Christchurch Central City	The school notified the Christchurch Central electorate that they can no longer host the planned voting place due to it being used for another purpose.
33	Ohāriu	Ngaio Playcentre, Crofton Down	Crofton Downs Primary School 21 Chartwell Drive Crofton Downs Wellington	Voting place not confirmed in advance by Commission staff and then became unavailable due to urgent building work.

The following voting places were partially opened on Election Day but had to close due to weather related events:

E#	Electorate	Voting Place
2	South Island, Banks Peninsula	Adventure Bike Park at Cracroft, end of McVicars Drive, off Worsleys Road, Cracroft
17	South Island, Kaikōura	Waipara School, Harakeke Room, 2 Loffhagen Drive, Waipara
17	South Island, Kaikōura	Tihiraki North Loburn School, Karetu Hall, 817 Loburn Whierock Road, North Loburn

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You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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