

10 July 2024

James

By email to: [fyi-request-27206-49f2d529@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-27206-49f2d529@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear James

### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/40**

On Tuesday 11 June 2024 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

*Under the OIA I would like to please request the following;*

*All complaints made to the electoral commission regarding voting or conduct at Manurewa Marae from June 2023 through to February 28th 2024.*

*All communications between CEO Karl Le Quesne and John Tamihere, Lance Norman, Brian Tāmaki, Vision NZ, Freedom NZ and Takutai Moana Natasha Kemp between the above dates.*

*All communications if any, between the commission or its representatives and NZ Police concerning voting or conduct concerning Manurewa Marae between the above dates.*

*All communications if any, between the commission or its representatives and Stats NZ between the above dates concerning voting or conduct at Manurewa Marae.*

*All communications if any, between the commission or its representatives and MSD between the above dates concerning voting or conduct at Manurewa Marae.*

Requested documents have been collated by question and are organised per the table below:

1	Document 1.0
2	Documents 2.0, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3
3	None, withheld under s6(c)
4	Document 4.0
5	None in scope

Some documents relating to an alleged breach that has been referred to Police as outlined in the media release of [29 November 2023](#) are withheld under section 6(c) of the Act on the basis that the disclosure of information requested would likely prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, detection and investigation of offences.

We have only included material within documents that are in scope of your request, we have redacted parts that are out of scope. Some contact details, such as phone numbers, email addresses and some names have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA which relates to the privacy of natural persons. Parts of the documents are also withheld under sections 6(c) of the Act where they may prejudice the maintenance of the law.

In each case where redactions have been made under section 9(2)(a), consideration has been given to and I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding of the information are not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest to make that information available.

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every 3 months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



Karl Le Quesne  
Chief Electoral Officer