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Tēnā koe John,

**Response to your official information request**

Thank you for your official information request received on 19 August 2024. You have asked for information regarding the appointment of a member to the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa (NZGB):

*Requesting to know how public nominations were called for and on what platforms the public nominations were called for e.g. govt.jobs website. Also, how many applications were received from the public and how many received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc for the role. How many were shortlisted and how many were interviewed.*

The appointment of Dr Michael Abbott to the NZGB has been made under Schedule 1, s1(2)(d) of the New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2008 (the Act)

<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2008/0030/latest/link.aspx?id=DLM1065527> .

Schedule 1, s1(2)(d) of the Act specifies that the member be a nominee of the Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand (FMC). FMC provided LINZ with their nominee on 10 June. No public nominations were sought or received, nor were nominations sought from nominating agencies such as Te Puni Kōkiri or Ministry for Women.

Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested does not exist for the reasons outlined above.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note, this response letter outlining our decision on your request, **with your personal details withheld**, and any attached documentation will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand website. This is likely to be published by 31 October 2024

Nāku noa, nā



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