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OIA 071

25 October 2024

P Robins
fyi-request-28547-993fd048@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear P Robins,

Thank you for your email of 27 September 2024 requesting communications and correspondence between myself and Groundswell. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

“copies of all communications, including written correspondence and all types of electronic communications (such as emails, messages, and any other digital formats), between you and your office and members of the Groundswell organisation since your swearing-in as a Minister”

Please find attached as Appendix One copies of emails to and from myself and members identified as being from Groundswell. Please find attached as Appendix Two, copies of texts between myself and identified members of Groundswell. Some information has been withheld pursuant to the following sections of the OIA:

- Section 9(2)(a) – privacy.

I am satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

You are advised of your right to raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Should you have any concerns with this response, you can contact the Ombudsman at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Hoggard'.

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