

13 August 2025

Our Ref: C63467

By email: [fyi-request-31365-89748f67@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-31365-89748f67@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe, John,

### Official Information Act Request

We refer to your request made via email dated 22 June 2025 in which you requested the following:

*The REA board meeting minutes from 1st Jan 2024 to now (22nd Jun 2025). Additionally, if there are any related documents, reading materials, or attachments associated with these minutes, please include those as well.*

By email on 8 July 2025, you narrowed the scope of your request to “only the minutes themselves, excluding any associated papers”.

We have considered your request under the OIA. On 16 July 2025 we notified you of an extension for our time to respond to your request to 13 August 2025.

### Information being released

We have made a decision to release the documents captured by your request to you, subject to withholding certain information under the withholding grounds outlined below.

We note that some of the minutes included are unsigned, noting that the signed versions were in a format that made redaction and release challenging. I can confirm the content is identical.

The information released to you is **attached**.

### Information not being released

Where information has been redacted it has been withheld under:

- section 6(c) of the OIA as making the information available would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law including the investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial;
- section 9(2)(a) of the OIA because the withholding of information is required to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA as releasing the information would unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the parties;
- section 9(2)(ba) of the OIA to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence and its release would likely prejudice the supply of similar information and its supply is in the public interest, or would be likely to otherwise damage the public interest;
- section 9(2)(g) of the OIA as the withholding of the information is justified as it related to free and frank expression of opinions by members or officers of a public service agency in the course of their duty;

- section 9(2)(h) of the OIA as the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege; and
- section 9(2)(i) of the OIA as releasing the information would unreasonably prejudice the ability to carry out commercial activities.

We note that a number of names of internal staff and third parties have been withheld as we were unable to consult with them about the release of their names, as required by the REA's Official Information Act Policy.

We note that the board minutes from two meetings, on 12 April 2024 and 20 May 2025 have been withheld in full pursuant to sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(h) of the OIA.

### Next steps

You have the right to make a complaint, in respect of this response, to the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

You may make the complaint online at that web address, by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), or in writing to the following address:

The Ombudsman  
PO Box 10 152  
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Nāku iti noa, nā



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