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Tēnā koe Aimee

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 2 May 2026. You requested:

"Are you investigating the latest behaviour conducted by Ngai Tahu regarding the Santana Goldmine?"

Ngai Tahu demanded \$180 million payment from the Santana Goldmine company. The company refused to meet the demand, and now Ngai Tahu is committed to shutting down the project through the courts.

Isn't this blackmail or extortion under the New Zealand Crimes Act 1961.

If it isn't, does that mean anyone can go next door to their neighbour's house and demand the neighbour pay them \$5000.00 so the neighbour can continue with their plans of erecting a garden shed? When the neighbour refuses to pay, does that mean that you are able to stop them from going ahead with their project?"

I sought comment from the Southern District Commander Superintendent Jason Guthrie, who has confirmed that "Police have not had any complaints or reports relating to Ngai Tahu and Santana Goldmine."

Therefore, this have been refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by the Police and I have no grounds for believing that the information is either held by or connected more closely with the functions of another Department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or a local authority.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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