

27 August 2012



Health and Disability Commissioner
Te Toihau Hauora, Hauātanga

Alex Harris
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Dear Mr Harris

Enquiry: HDC Submission to Law Commission on Official Information Act
Our ref: E12/02880

Thank you for your email of 30 July 2012 in which you request a copy of HDC's submission to the Law Commission on the review of the Official Information Act 1982 (the submission). You also request all drafts, advice, and internal communications (including emails) relating to that submission.

Having considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982, I have decided to refuse your request for a copy of the submission on the grounds, as set out in section 18(d) of the Act, that it is publicly available on HDC's website. The link to the submission is as follows:

<http://www.hdc.org.nz/publications/other-publications-from-hdc/submissions/law-commission--review-of-official-information-legislation>

I have decided to refuse your request for drafts, advice and internal communications relating to that submission under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Official Information Act, which allows the withholding of information if it is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expressions of opinions by the employees of an organisation.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the Health and Disability Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Cordelia Thomas'.

Dr Cordelia Thomas
Acting Chief Legal Advisor