



## New Zealand Fire Service

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**By email:** fyi-request-5089-601a844c@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear AJ

### Information Request – myFire Source Code

#### *Request*

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 ('**OIA**') received on 8 December 2016 regarding costs incurred by the New Zealand Fire Service Commission ('**NZFS**') in connection with the myFire web service and mobile app.

Particularly, your request was for *the FireApp source code for mobile app and web service*.

Thank you for contacting NZFS, in accordance with NZFS's letter of 21 December 2016, to provide certain particulars in connection with your identity / the applicability of the OIA to your request.

In considering your request, we have assumed that it relates to NZFS's *myFire* mobile application and web service, and the source code for myFire (the '**myFire Source Code**'). myFire is a strategic internal communications channel, being developed by NZFS to communicate content from its staff intranet directly to staff (including front-line staff and emergency response personnel).

#### *Decision on request*

NZFS has considered your request in accordance with the OIA, and determined that it is necessary to withhold the myFire Source Code, in accordance with the OIA, for the following reasons:

- a. In order to protect information where making the information available would disclose a trade secret.<sup>1</sup> (The myFire Source Code constitutes a trade secret of the supplier that developed the myFire Source Code for NZFS);
- b. In order to prevent likely unreasonable prejudice to the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.<sup>2</sup> (Providing the myFire Source Code would allow likely unreasonable prejudice to the commercial position and trade practices of the supplier that developed the myFire Source Code), and

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with subsection 9(2)(b)(i), OIA.

<sup>2</sup> in accordance with subsection 9(2)(b)(ii), OIA

- c. In order to prevent likely prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public.<sup>3</sup> (Providing the myFire Source Code could prejudice mission-critical IT infrastructure, used to deploy emergency responses, in the course of NZFS carrying out its statutory function to protect life and property from fire and emergencies).

In accordance with subsection 9(1) OIA, NZFS has considered other matters that may render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information requested available. It does not consider that those factors outweigh the matters set out above.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made on your request, you have the right to seek a review of the decision through the Office of the Ombudsman in accordance with section 28(3) of the OIA. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or online at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



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<sup>3</sup> In accordance with subsection 9(2)(c), OIA.