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Dear Mr Buckleigh

Thank you for your email of 3 January 2018 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*the names and addresses of the individual committee members who represent the 14 organizations who sit on the NZ3640 and NZ3602 standard committees.*

Standards New Zealand and the P3602 and P3640 committees (the committees) are seeking submissions from the public on the draft revisions to NZS 3602:2003 (Timber and wood based products for use in buildings) and NZS 3640:2003 (Chemical preservation of timber and wood based products). The drafts for both of these standards are available on the Standards New Zealand website (<http://www.standards.govt.nz/>). The closing date for submissions on the draft revisions for NZS 3602:2003 is 2 March 2018. The closing date for submissions on the draft revisions for NZS3640:2003 is 9 March 2018. The draft standards include a list of nominating organisations which are represented on the committees.

The committees are responsible for reviewing the submissions and reflecting the feedback received as appropriate in the draft standards. The committees have to agree to the final standards by consensus. The standards are then put forward for approval by the New Zealand Standards Approval Board and the standards published. The committees then cease to operate.

In the meantime, I am withholding the names of the individual committee members under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the Act, in order to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of the committee members from improper pressure or harassment during the standards development process.

In my view the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations which make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available, particularly because the public has an opportunity to submit feedback to the committee on the draft revisions to NZS3602:2003 and NZS3640:2003.

I am also declining the release of the committee members' addresses under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons because in my view there are no counterbalancing public interest considerations in making the committee members' addresses available to you.



You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decision to refuse part of your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone: 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carmen Mak', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carmen Mak  
Manager Standards New Zealand