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Mr Luke Chandler

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Dear Mr Chandler

Official Information Act (OIA) Request - Sugarloaf Access

We refer to your OIA request dated 15 August 2018. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding, due to an absence through illness.

1. *A list of all organisations and personnel with access (and their reasons) to the Sugarloaf tower and key/pass holder to the entry gate*

Kordia, its personnel and its accredited contractors have access to the site. Certain customers who own equipment co-located at the site have access to the entry gate for their personnel and approved accredited contractors. Access to the tower is restricted to accredited and appropriately qualified personnel (e.g. qualified riggers).

Their reasons for accessing the site include to install, commission, inspect, test, repair, maintain, and remove equipment and supporting systems, and to inspect, repair and maintain the building fabric, tower and related infrastructure.

We decline to name personnel on the basis that withholding this information is necessary to protect the privacy of the persons concerned (section 9(2)(a) of the OIA), and, potentially, their safety.

The identity of the organisations at the site is commercially sensitive and we owe obligations of confidentiality to those organisations. It is necessary to withhold the information prevent unreasonable commercial prejudice to Kordia or the organisation (section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA). Further it is necessary to withhold the information enable Kordia to carry out commercial activities without prejudice or disadvantage (section 9(2)(i) of the OIA), both from a confidentiality perspective and in relation to security for the site.

2. *What policies does Kordia have in place for key/pass holders?*

Keys/passes are issued to approved and accredited persons only, who have been through site induction, and who comply with Kordia's health and safety requirements. Site access requires pre-approval under a work permit system on each occasion. Authorised visitors to site are required to access Kordia's "Hazphone" system prior to accessing the site – this system notifies any known hazards.

Thank you for your interest in the site. We refer you to publically available information regarding the site in the Stuff article at <https://i.stuff.co.nz/national/106321633/Sugarloaf-Inside-the-concrete-eyrie-high-above-Christchurch-in-the-Port-Hills> published on 20 August 2018.

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To the extent to which this response constitutes a refusal to provide the requested information, we are obliged under section 19(b) of the OIA to advise you of your right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to complain to the Ombudsman to seek investigation and review of the refusal.

However, please contact the writer if you wish to clarify any aspect of this letter or seek any further information. We have determined that no charge is payable for the above information.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MJ', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Jamieson
GENERAL COUNSEL

