

28 September 2021

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By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2021/33

Thank you for your request of 6 September 2021 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

Hi The world is at a crossroads and it is now more than ever that the people of NZ need to know that our elections are free of corruption. I understand that the blockchain voting software developed by Horizon State (<https://horizonstate.com>) in Australia has been used on several occasions in local elections successfully in NZ. Has the electoral commission taken any steps towards implementing this software in New Zealand for our general election?

No. The Electoral Commission does not use any software developed by Horizon State and there are no plans to implement such software in New Zealand for general elections or referendums.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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Electoral Commission