

08 November 2023	
By email to:	
Dear	

## **OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/100**

Thank you for your request of 7 November 2023 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding your special vote. Specifically, you have asked for:

I conducted a special vote and I want to know that it was counted because the corruption in this government and its outside organizations is pure evil, masonic in every way, judea is clear and present, and you know it.

Please tell me and prove to me my vote was counted.

And who I voted for, as you have said the special votes have been counted.

Elections in New Zealand are conducted by 'secret ballot'. To ensure the secrecy of the vote the electoral legislation does not allow a person, either during or after an electoral event, to receive confirmation of the record of how they voted. On this basis your request is refused under section 18(c)(i) of the Act.

After each electoral event voting papers are secured with the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives after the result is declared, this must be held unopened except by order or the Court or parliament and must be destroyed after 6 months.

After each general election a master roll is produced for each electoral district, which shows whether persons on the printed roll for the district have voted or not. Attached to the master roll is a list of the names and addresses of all special voters whose names were not on the printed roll (other than those on the unpublished roll) and indicate the special voters whose votes have been disallowed). The master roll does not show how people have voted. The master roll for the district and the attached list must be kept until the next general election and can be inspected by any registered elector of the district at the Commission's office for the district by appointment. You can find more information about this here: Contact our Enrolment team | Vote NZ.

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every 3 months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted.

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 <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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