

18 January 2024

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By email to: ██████████

Dear ██████████

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/111

On 30 November 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

I understand the Electoral Commission has received at least one complaint relating to breaches of electoral law at the polling booth at Manurewa Marae, and two now-deleted videos from Te Pāti Māori.

Please include:

- a copy of the complaint, or complaints (I have no issue with the identity being redacted), including copies of the videos which formed part of the complaint*
- all correspondence relating to the complaint, including to/from the complainant, Te Pāti Māori, and Manurewa Marae.*
- all correspondence, advice and briefings relating to any investigation of the complaint, and decision on how to proceed.*
- the outcome of the complaint/investigation.*

I look forward to your response by January 19.

The Electoral Commission received 7 complaints relating to alleged breaches of electoral law at the Manurewa Marae. The Electoral Commission looked into each of the complaints and responded to the complainants. We also received media requests, but have treated these as outside the scope of your request.

Copies of all relevant documents including the complaints, correspondence and advice are attached.

Your request included reference to two now deleted videos from Te Pāti Māori. The complaints received relating to Manurewa Marae did not include videos from Te Pāti Māori, they included videos from Manurewa Marae. Copies of videos linked to in the complaints that are no longer available are provided with this response. The dates that the videos were posted on the page may differ from the dates of the Facebook live videos. We do not have a copy of the 13/10/23 video but the post is available here [Manurewa Marae - Manurewa Marae are PROUD to present... | Facebook](#)

We have only included material within documents that are in scope of your request, we have redacted parts that are out of scope. Some contact details, such as phone numbers, email addresses and some names have been withheld under s 9(2)(a) of the OIA which relates to the privacy of natural persons.

In each case where redactions have been made under section 9(2)(a), consideration has been given to and I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding of the information are not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest to make that information available.

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 www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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