

17 November 2023

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By email to: ██████████

Dear ██████

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/86

On Wednesday, 25 October 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

Any communications to or from Electoral Commission staff regarding the closure of a voting place at Whangaruru School, Punaruku, in the 2023 general election.

Copies of all communication that relates to the decision not to open Whangaruru School as a voting place for Election Day are attached.

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 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



Martin Rodgers
Director, Voting Services