

23 June 2025

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By email to: ██████████

Dear ██████████

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2025/32

On 7 June 2025 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

Local Iwi Te Uri o Hau are advertising their Environs Te Uri o Hau office is now an Enrolment Hub for the 2025 elections. My questions: Is this a permitted representation? If so does this role involve some sort of registration? If so what are the rules that surround such claims of being an Electoral Hub? Has Te Uri o Hau made any application for a role as an electoral Hub?

The Electoral Commission (Commission) understands that Te Uri o Hau is providing support to the people of its community to be able to participate in democracy; in this context through the provision of enrolment support, so people can vote, and have that vote count.

This is not unusual. Indeed, it is quite common for community groups and organisations across New Zealand to support electoral enrolment, and participation in democracy, in their communities. The term "enrolment hub" is not a formal Commission representation and there is no formal permit, or explicit permissions required for community organisations to support electoral enrolment.

Te Uri o Hau reached out to the Commission's Strategic Enrolment and Partnerships (SEP) team, Te Tai Tokerau, based in Whangarei, for support in promoting and supporting enrolment within their community. Our SEP team in Te Tai Tokerau has a long-standing relationship with many community groups across the region, including Te Uri o Hau.

This is common practice for our SEP teams across New Zealand.

As with many similar relationships with community groups across the country, the SEP team in Te Tai Tokerau has provided — and continues to provide — support that includes:

- Some basic enrolment education, to facilitate accurate advice being given to the community, and the correct completion of enrolment forms.
- A presentation on the eligibility and enrolment mandatory fields of the enrolment application form.
- The provision of blank enrolment forms and enrolment collateral (e.g. posters for display).
- Question and answer hui for those involved in the mahi.

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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