

5 September 2025

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2025/39

On Monday 28 July 2025 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

“any feedback or draft feedback provided by the Electoral Commission to the Ministry of Justice or the Minister of Justice regarding the Electoral Amendment Bill

For the avoidance of any doubt, this is the Bill I am referring to in this request: Electoral Amendment Bill 186-1 (2025), Government Bill Explanatory note – New Zealand Legislation”

On 4 August 2025 we notified you that the timeframe for response had been extended, under s 15 of the OIA, due to the volume of information and the need for consultation.

In consulting with the Ministry of Justice, we have determined that a proactive release by the Ministry of all material in scope of your request is planned in the next few weeks. The Electoral Commission will work to assist the Ministry of Justice with the material planned for release, in order to help with timely publication of the information you have requested.

Accordingly, your request is refused under s 18(d) of the OIA as the information will soon be publicly available.

The Ministry of Justice has provided the following email address so that you may seek updates on the progress towards proactive release of this information: OIA@justice.govt.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 www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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