

27 August 2025

By email to: [REDACTED]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2025/42**

On Thursday, 31 August 2025 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

*I understand that a number of Māori voters have recently been removed from the electoral roll.*

*1) I assume that the Electoral Commission produces summaries on a regular basis of how many voters have been removed from the electoral roll and under what circumstances (i.e. removed due to challenges from other electors, removed due to mail being returned undeliverable, removed due to being absent from NZ for 3 years or more)? Please provide these for the past two years. Summaries including the roll (General or Māori) from which voters were removed preferred of course.*

*2) Given the admitted goal of certain elected officials in New Zealand to disenfranchise Māori voters, I am requesting a list of those to whom voter information has been provided in electronic form under sections 113 & 114 of the electoral act in the past two years.*

#### Removed and dormant electors

The Electoral Commission releases enrolment statistics every month showing how many people are enrolled to vote on its [website](#). They do not include removals from the roll.

Since the last election in October 2023 to 01 August 2025, the total number of people that have been moved from the main to dormant roll is 53,180, and of these, 46,586 were on the general roll and 6,594 were on the Māori roll. By law, people are required to be moved to the dormant roll if we lose touch with them, for example, if we get returned mail from an old address.

People on the dormant roll are still eligible to cast a special vote in parliamentary elections. As soon as they re-enrol, they are moved from the dormant roll to the main roll. If an elector on the dormant roll does not re-enrol, then after 3 years, by law they have to be removed from the dormant roll and become ineligible to vote.

Since the last election in October 2023 to 01 August 2025, there were 27,994 electors removed from the roll who became ineligible to vote, 24,699 from the General Roll, and 3,295 from the Māori roll.

25,068 of these were electors who had been on the dormant roll, including 3,057 on the Māori roll, who were removed after 3 years on the dormant roll and not having re-enrolled.

2,926 electors including 238 on the Māori roll, were removed because they no longer qualify to vote, including 2,377 (including 118 from the Māori roll) removed because they are overseas and no longer qualify.

One person was removed from the rolls as a result of a statutory elector objection process under section 95 of the Electoral Act.

#### Section 113 and 114 requests

Please find attached two spreadsheets as requested, containing data for those to whom roll data has been provided in electronic form under sections 113 and 114 of the Electoral Act 1993.

The section 113 spreadsheet contains data for the date range 01/08/2023 to 31/07/2025. Orange coloured rows indicate that the data was supplied to local election provider Election Services; blue coloured rows indicate that the data was supplied to local election provider electionz.com; and pink coloured rows indicate that the data was supplied to both Election Services and electionz.com.

The section 114 spreadsheet contains data for the date range 01/08/2023 to 31/07/2025.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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