ELECTORAL COMMISSION
TE KAITIAKI TAKE KŌWHIRI

20 October 2025

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By email to: [redacted]

Tēnā koe [redacted]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2025/73

Thank you for your request of Friday 3 October 2025 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Specifically, you have asked for:

> *A list of all complaints if any, received by the Electoral Commission relating to the recent by-election in Tamaki Makaurau.*
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> *A copy of all referrals passed onto Police for further investigation.*
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> *All emails and correspondence if any, relating to a social media post by Te Pati Māori MP Takuta Ferris urging his social media followers to vote for Oriini Kaipara.*

In relation to the Tāmaki Makaurau by-election held on 6 September 2025, we received complaints regarding 12 alleged breaches of the Electoral Act. Having looked into these matters, 6 matters were referred to Police. The details of the referrals are set out in the media notices linked here (15 September 2025 and 19 September 2025). As these matters are with Police, the Commission is not able to provide you with copies of the correspondence or referrals relating to these complaints. Your request is therefore refused under s 6(c) of the Act on the basis that disclosure of the information requested would likely prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, detection and investigation of offences. Further, we are unable to supply you with copies of the complaints under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of individuals in relation to both the complainant and the individual subject to the complaint.

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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