

9 March 2026

By email to: [REDACTED]

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2026/14

On 10 February 2026 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

By way of clarification, my original request sought not only confirmation of the enabling legislation, but also identification of any instruments by which authority under that legislation is exercised in practice.

In particular, the request sought disclosure of any instruments relied upon beyond the Act and Regulations themselves, including (where applicable):

- *formal delegations or authorisations issued by or on behalf of the Chief Electoral Officer or the Commission;*
- *internal instruments or governance documents assigning responsibility for the compilation, maintenance, verification, and publication of the electoral roll;*
- *and any formal mechanisms relied upon to verify and assure the integrity of the electoral roll as a foundational public record.*

If no such instruments exist beyond reliance on the Electoral Act 1993 and Electoral Regulations 1996 alone, confirmation of that position would be appreciated.

This clarification is sought to ensure the request is fully addressed and accurately reflects the authority framework relied upon in practice.

Please find attached a copy of the Electoral Commission Delegations Policy – December 2025, including the Electoral matters delegations schedule and Electoral Act delegations re Part 5 of the Electoral Act pages 26 - 29.

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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