

20 December 2024

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2024/73

On Friday 06 December 2024 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

Noting: <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/politics/electoral-commission-accepts-failure-over-manurewa-marae-voting-base-selection/XJ7E3MYMIJE2BPR2D2IPBNZAV4/>

Under the Official Information Act, I request:

- 1) A copy of the final evaluations around this.*
- 2) The reports, communications and documents used to come to the final evaluations / assessments of the situation.*
- 3) Any related communications between The Electoral Commission and the offices of Te Pati Maori, John Tamahere, and / or Takutai Tarsh Temp regarding the matter.*

Please find attached the documents you have requested.

We have only included material within documents that are in scope of your request, we have redacted parts that are out of scope. Some contact details, such as phone numbers, email addresses and some names have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA which relates to the privacy of natural persons. Parts of the documents related to the security arrangements for the voting place are also withheld under sections 6(c) and 6(a) of the Act where they may prejudice the maintenance of the law and compromise security arrangements at elections.

In each case where redactions have been made under section 9(2)(a), consideration has been given to and I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding of the information are not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest to make that information available.

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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