

16 April 2025

By email to: [REDACTED]

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2025/20

On Monday 7 April 2025 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

In relation to the public statements of the Electoral Commission spokesperson in this RNZ article: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/557433/billboards-attacking-green-mps-appear-in-wellington-and-auckland>

The Electoral Commission made the assessment that the billboards in question, purporting to represent the MPs Tamatha Paul and Chloe Swarbrick without their authorisation, did not breach the Electoral Act.

Please provide all communication and documents that were involved in reaching this specific assessment.

Please find attached internal and external emails that reflect all the communication and documents that were involved in reaching the Commission's assessment of this matter which led up to the public statements of the Electoral Commission spokesperson in the RNZ article you have cited.

Some contact details, such as phone numbers, some email addresses, and names, have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA which relates to the privacy of natural persons. 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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