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By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/12**

On 21 April 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

*I would like a list of everyone that voted for the following parties, during the 2020 election:  
Labour Party, Green Party, Māori Party, The Opportunities Party (TOP) and Social Credit party*

The Electoral Commission is not able to provide the information you have requested as it is not held by the Commission. On this basis your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

To elaborate, ballot papers from a general election are destroyed in the presence of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and an Electoral Commissioner. This occurs 6 months after an election, in accordance with section 189 of the Electoral Act 1993.

Further, elections in New Zealand are conducted by 'secret ballot' and legislation does not provide any basis for publicising lists of voters and the parties they voted for.

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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