

13 September 2023

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/29**

On 2 August 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

1. *Copies of all communication between the Electoral Commission and companies that own/manage supermarkets that concerns the use of supermarkets as voting places for the 2023 election*
2. *Copies of all communication between the Electoral Commission and social media entities/representatives that relates to the 2023 election*

#### Supermarkets

Copies of all communication between the Electoral Commission and companies that own/manage supermarkets that relate to the election are attached.

The communications are released with redactions under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.

Some contact details, such as phone numbers, email addresses and some names have been withheld under s 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.

#### Social media

Copies of all communication between the Electoral Commission and social media representatives that relate to the election are attached. The communications are released with redactions under sections 6(c) and 9(2)(a) of the OIA.

Some information on the specific details of law enforcement escalations have been redacted under section 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.

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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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Electoral Commission