

6/11/2023

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/75

Thank you for your request of Wednesday, 19 October 2023 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding contact details of trust beneficial owners. Specifically, you have asked for:

Tēnā koe I serve as the [REDACTED] of the Pukekaraka C Ahu Whenua Trust based in Otaki. Our trust comprises 106 beneficial owners, and we are currently in the process of seeking their contact details, including addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. A member of the Māori Land Court suggested that we might obtain this information from the Electoral Commission, and can provide you with a list of shareholders. Could you kindly verify if this is a feasible option? Ngā mihi [REDACTED]

This request is refused under section 18(c)(i) of the Act, as making the information available would be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment.

The electoral rolls are public registers created under the Electoral Act 1993. Apart from a general right of public inspection and the right to purchase printed copies of the rolls and habitation indexes, the supply of information from the rolls, particularly in electronic form, is strictly regulated under the Electoral Act.

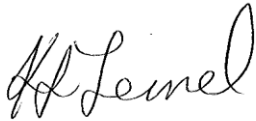
Any person may purchase the current main roll or habitation index for an electoral district under section 110(5) of the Electoral Act, on payment of the prescribed fee. The roll lists the names and addresses, and occupation (if provided) of registered electors, ordered alphabetically by family name, for the district. The index lists the names of electors by street address in the district. Please note that dates of birth, phone numbers, and email addresses are not released.

Attached to this letter is the form for applying to purchase a printed electoral roll or habitation index. You should note that it is an offence under section 117 of the Electoral Act for a person to produce roll or habitation index information provided in printed form into a different form from that in which it was supplied. A breach of section 117 of the Electoral Act carries a fine not exceeding \$50,000. If you wish to purchase printed rolls, please contact: rolls@elections.govt.nz or (04) 495 0030 to request an application form.

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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