



NEW ZEALAND
POLICE
Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa

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H Campbell
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Dear H Campbell,

Re: your Official Information Act request IR-01-020-11523 seeking information as follows:

- (i) *Please provide details of the number of all non-Police checkpoints established in New Zealand during the Covid-19 Level 4 lock down period which were brought to Police attention.*
- (ii) *Provide details of and/or copies of any job sheet notebook entry or Police computer entry relating to the interaction of Police staff with the occupants of any non-Police checkpoint established in New Zealand during the Covid-19 Level 4 lock down period which was brought to Police attention?*
- (iii) *Provide details of the number of people warned or prosecuted as a result of establishing a non-Police checkpoint established in New Zealand during the Covid-19 Level 4 lock down period.*

Firstly, please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your request, this is due to the unprecedented circumstances of this event and number of requests for information.

Police became aware that community checkpoints were being conducted in the Central, Eastern, Bay of Plenty, Waitematā and Northland Police Districts, in 21 separate locations as detailed in the table below. The checkpoints commenced during Alert Level 4 and ceased when NZ transitioned into Alert Level 2.

District	Location
Northland	Ngataki Shipwreck Bay Pawarenga / Punguru Kaeo Waiomio Kaikohe Kawakawa
BOP	Maketu State highway 35, Hawaii Potikirua
Eastern	Tairawhiti Wharekahika Te Araroa Uawa / Tolaga Bay Whakaangiangi Tokomaru Bay Hicks bay
Central	Hawera Patea Urenui
Waitematā	Pakiri Beach

Community-led checkpoints to restrict movement were an approach that police discouraged from occurring. However, where communities indicated that they were committed to protecting vulnerable members of their communities, Police worked with them to ensure that permitted movement (to the degree required under the relevant alert level) was maintained. The checkpoints were legal with Police presence, so no warnings or prosecutions occurred with those involved.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way that I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely



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