



10 September 2020

Mr John Jacobson

By email: fyi-request-13327-17a913c9@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Jacobson

Official information request regarding the Democracy Project

I refer to your requests for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 15 July 2020:

- 1. a copy of any proposal documents held by the university leading to the establishment of the project*
- 2. a copy of all correspondence relating to the proposal, any information held about negotiations in relation to the proposal, and the information held about acceptance of the final proposal*
- 3. any information relating to the costs incurred by the university, including hosting, insurance, etc, and*
- 4. a copy of any contracts that may exist in relation to the project.*

Please find attached the University's response to your above-mentioned requests.

We have withheld some information under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(h) maintain legal professional privilege, and
- 9(2)(b)(ii) protect information where the making available of information would likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Goldsack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tessa Goldsack
Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy