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Connor Miller

By email: [fyi-request-16477-95e16758@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-16477-95e16758@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Connor,

**Request for information – IR-01-21-25830**

Thank you for your information request of 23 August 2021:

- I would like to request information relating to the breach of lockdown by a group of seven in Wanaka on the 22nd of August 2021.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

On Friday 20 August 2021, seven men from six separate bubbles were found jet boating by a police officer who was patrolling along the Makarora River north of Lake Wānaka. One of the men had travelled from Dunedin.

The men, aged 22 to 30, are due to appear in the Queenstown District Court on September 13 facing one charge each of failing to comply with a COVID-19 order.

Further information about this incident is withheld in accordance with section 6(c) of the OIA, as the release would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request. You can find more information here: <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/make-a-complaint/complaining-about-access-to-official-information-551307291224432>.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Milne

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