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Dear Nigel

Official Information Act request relating to eligibility for unvaccinated New Zealanders to vote

Thank you for your correspondence dated 3 November 2021 to the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, regarding the eligibility of unvaccinated people to vote in New Zealand. The Prime Minister has asked I respond to you, as this matter falls within my COVID-19 Response portfolio.

As Minister for COVID-19 Response, I have not received or requested, and do not expect to receive, any advice relating to limiting the voting rights of New Zealanders who are not vaccinated.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my response under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CH' followed by a flourish.

Hon Chris Hipkins

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