

24 September 2014

Bruce Van Essen

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Dear Mr Van Essen

### Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 30 June 2014, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

1. All ACC Operational Policy Committee Minutes, and associated documents presented to the Committee, which contain reference to matters of ACC client / claimant "consent", "authority" and "authorisation" for the purposes of collection, use and disclosure of information by ACC, for the period 2009-2010 inclusive.
2. All ACC Implementation Plans and Policies, which contain reference to matters of ACC client / claimant "consent", "authority" and "authorisation" for the purposes of collection, use and disclosure of information by ACC, for the period 2009-2010 inclusive.
3. All documents presented to the ACC's Executive Leadership Team (ELT) or Executive Management Team (EMT) and Chief Executive Officer, which contain reference to matters of ACC client / claimant "consent", "authority" and "authorisation" for the purposes of collection, use and disclosure of information by ACC, for the period 2009-2010 inclusive.
4. All Minutes of the ACC's Executive Leadership Team (ELT) or Executive Management Team (EMT) meetings which contain reference to matters of ACC client / claimant "consent", "authority" and "authorisation" for the purposes of collection, use and disclosure of information by ACC, for the period 2009-2010 inclusive.
5. All Minutes from the ACC Research Ethics Committee relating to ACC client/claimants "consent", "authority" and "authorisation" - to collect, use and disclose health information for research purposes, for the period 2009-2010 inclusive.

Since extending the time to respond to your request, ACC has conducted further extensive checks of its records relating to points 1 to 4 above and has not been able to identify any documents or information that match that which have been requested. Accordingly, we are not able to provide this information because the documents alleged to contain it either do not exist, or cannot be found. This decision complies with section 18(e) of the Act.

In accordance with point 5 of your email ACC has also conducted a search of the ACC Research Ethics Committee Minutes and has identified information which relates to your request. The Corporation has decided to release that information to you and is in the process of making the necessary redactions required to protect the privacy of various individuals referred to in those documents. We anticipate that redacted documents will be ready to be made available to you by Friday 26 September 2014.

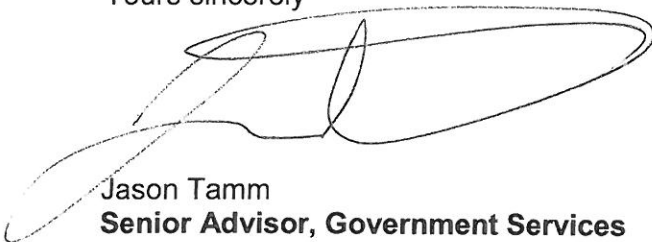
**We are happy to answer your questions**

Please contact me at [jason.tamm@acc.co.nz](mailto:jason.tamm@acc.co.nz) if you have any queries about this response. I will be happy to answer any questions or, if you have any concerns, work with you to resolve these.

If you are still not happy, you may make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman. You can call them on 0800 802 602, 9am to 5pm weekdays, or write to:

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Yours sincerely



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