

Ref: 217639

19 April 2022

David Adamson  
Via [fyi.org.nz](http://fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe David,

### Response to your request for Official Information

On 20 March 2022, you requested the following information from the Human Rights Commission (“the Commission”) under the Official Information Act 1982 (“OIA”):

*Any meeting notes, minutes, or correspondence that preceded or followed meetings with anti-vax groups or related “disaffected Pākehā men” referenced publicly by the Commissioner. Please limit this request to the immediate past 12 months.*

*If any information is withheld on the basis that it was supplied in confidence please provide any evidence that this was explicitly supplied in confidence (not just implied confidence). If a decision is made to withhold in full please also confirm why notes or correspondence cannot be anonymised and (partially) released still.*

*The Commissioner has expressed that there is public interest in discussing these issues, it is my request that this same public interest be applied or your decision to release information - even partially/anonymised if need be.*

We note that your request comprises “*any meeting notes, minutes or correspondence*” which includes both information held internally within the Commission, as well as communications with external third parties.

Your request has been administratively challenging to deal with. In particular, the aspect of your request seeking copies of all internal documentation and correspondence would be very difficult to meet without substantial collation or research. It would take a significant amount of time for us to obtain, review, consult, and make potential redactions to this information and we are of the view that this would unduly interfere with the Commission’s other operations.

In light of this, we have decided to meet the internal correspondence and documentation aspect of your request by providing the **attached** summary of the Parliament protest conciliation process held by the Commission, in preference to providing copies of the full information you have requested. We are permitted to do this under section 16(2) of the OIA because otherwise it would impair the efficient administration of the Commission. This summary includes an overview of the conciliation process and the Commission’s role including the workstreams that have

arisen from this process.

In response to the aspect of your request that seeks copies of external correspondence and documentation, we will provide a bundle of documents encompassing the Commission's communications with third parties in relation to the protest outside Parliament from 6 February 2022 to 2 March 2022, and the Commission's protest conciliation process (including the 22 February meeting and subsequent meetings).

Some documents have been withheld in their entirety, and redactions have been applied to some of the documents that are included in the bundle. The reasons for withholding and redacting some documents are explained in the summary document.

We are waiting to finalise one aspect of our consultation with third parties, and expect to release the bundle to you tomorrow.

### **Alternative avenues**

If you are not satisfied with this response, under the Official Information Act you are entitled to complain to the Ombudsman's Office. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or on freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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Encl Summary document – Parliament protest conciliation process  
Bundle of external communications and documents for release