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Tēnā koe David

**Official Information Act request: Section 7 report on the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill**

Thank you for your email of 24 May 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill (the Bill). Specifically, you asked:

*Has the Ministry of Justice published a Section 7 report on the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill?*

*If so, can I please have a copy or a link to it.*

*If not, why has one not been done?*

Section 7 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (BORA) requires the Attorney-General to bring to the attention of the House of Representatives any provision in a Bill that appears to be inconsistent with any of the rights and freedoms affirmed in the BORA.

Our advice to the Attorney-General dated 23 November 2021, found the Bill to be consistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed in the BORA. You can find a copy of this advice here: [www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/20211103-NZ-BORA-Advice-Canterbury-Regional-Council-Ngai-Tahu-Representation-Bill.pdf](http://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/20211103-NZ-BORA-Advice-Canterbury-Regional-Council-Ngai-Tahu-Representation-Bill.pdf).

Because the Bill was found to be consistent, no section 7 report was produced. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information you have requested does not exist.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by emailing [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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