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Dear Will

Request for Information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982(OIA) request of 6 February 2023 in which you asked for information regarding Tribesman gang members heading towards Queenstown. I write further to our correspondence dated 2 March and 6 April 2023.

I refer to your request.

Please supply all NZ POLICE knowledge of the tribesman gang movement on 06/02/2023 since day one e.g., any prior emails or phone calls/discussions.

Please supply all POLICE units and roles included in the response since the movement started.

I note when driving past had one POLICE car leading and two following FYI.

Police has considered your request and decided to refuse it pursuant to section 6(c) of the OIA as the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences.

In this case members of the 'Tribesman M.C' undertook a South Island tour between 2 and 10 February 2023. The Police have a responsibility to maintain public safety, keep the peace and law enforcement. Historically these types of events often result in road safety problems, criminal offending, and breaches of the peace.

Police monitored the travel and activity of this group and subsequently impounded 15 motorcycles, two vehicles, suspended 15 licences and made six arrests between 2 and 10 February 2023.

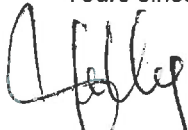
The release of information which could include emails, phone calls, discussions and operational documents would be likely to prejudice future police operations relating to similar gang movements.

Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at:
www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

If you have any queries, please email to IR.Southern@police.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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