



18 August 2023

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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0648

Dear R Coates

Official Information Act request relating to correspondence with TikTok and ByteDance regarding the Christchurch Call

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 8 March 2023. You requested:

[...] all correspondence with TikTok or parent company ByteDance regarding the Christchurch Call, specifically any communications to and from the companies relating to involvement in or the activities of the Christchurch Call, and any internal communications on considerations regarding their involvement.

On 15 May 2023 I advised you of my decision to release in part information relevant to your request, pending further necessary consultation. This consultation has now been undertaken. Please find in Attachment A the information relevant to your request.

The relevant grounds under which information has been withheld are:

- section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion
- section 9(2)(j), to enable negotiations to be carried on without prejudice or disadvantage.

Please note I am releasing two documents authored by TikTok representatives. These documents were provided to DPMC in the context of a confidential relationship and process. I am releasing these documents because, for the purposes of the OIA request, TikTok representatives have waived confidentiality relating to the provision of these documents to DPMC.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding that information.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Parkin'.

Anneliese Parkin
Deputy Chief Executive, Policy