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Tēnā koe Shaun

Thank you for your email of 21 June to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*all documents and communications held by IPONZ in regards this despicable decision to privilege foreign corporations over Māoritanga and our own hardworking producers of REAL mānuka honey. This should include all communications with the hostile foreigners in Australia and elsewhere stealing the good name of our mānuka honey producers*

Please find attached the documentation relevant to your request. Please note that these documents may contain copyright information and that there may be restrictions on redistribution or publication of such material. In addition as per our earlier email correspondence with you, the scope of the request has been narrowed to just the evidence and the submissions.

Please note some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;
- 9(2)(b)(ii), to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact [OIA@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@mbie.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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