



4 July 2023

Ref: DOIA 2223-3020

Bruce

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Tēnā koe Bruce

Thank you for your email of 27 June 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Dear Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, Kia Ora

1. *I am requesting information regarding 5g towers located on Elles Rd invercargill , Elizabeth Park Invercargill, Clyde st Invercargill, Actually any 5g tower in invercargill.*
2. *Are any of these towers equipped with phased array antennas?*
3. *If so what sort of digital program is running it and are there any algorithms in any of these digital programs running these antennas?*
4. *Have any prior studies been conducted to assess the health risks associated with the antennas and the radio waves they emit?*
5. *Are there any safety standards or guidelines in place to make sure the antennas don't pose a health risk to nearby residents?*
6. *What measures if any , are in place to protect the privacy and security of personal data being transmitted through the antennas ?*
7. ***What steps have been taken to ensure that the installation of the towers and antennas comply with local regulations and zoning laws?***
8. *Also can you provide me with information regarding who owns and operates the antennas and towers?*
9. ***Finally, why were these towers and antennas installed without prior public notification and consultation, and when I say public I'm talking about the public not consultation with the city council,***
10. ***and are there any plans in future to improve communication and transparency with the public ?***

This letter is to advise you that parts 7, 9 and 10 of your request (bolded above) have been transferred to Invercargill City Council for response.

This is because the information you have requested is not held by MBIE. Section 14(b)(i) of the Act requires me to transfer any request where the information is not held, but is believed to be held by another department, organisation or Minister of the Crown.

MBIE will provide a response to the remainder of your request in due course.



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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MSK', written in a cursive style.

Madeline Sherwood King
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