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Tēnā koe Erika

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 7 July 2023, to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry), requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about the publication of Covid-19 judgements by the courts. Specifically, you requested:

1. *Please would you supply all the criteria for publishing a "Covid 19 related judgement" on this page of court decisions page:
<https://www.courtsfnz.govt.nz/judgments/covid-19-related-judgments/>*
2. *Would you kindly share the reasons why the following cases which took place in the public court in 2021 and 2022 which are Covid-19 related are not available on the NZ Courts decisions finder? -Canada v Medical council of NZ CIV-2021-085-000781 - Whittome v Taupo Tennis and Ors CIV-2022 -069-000021, -Reihana v Air NZ CIV-2022-404-000436 [2022] NZHC 2425*
3. *Kindly share the memos, minutes and decisions which came about for the above publishing criteria of "Covid-19 related Judgements".*

The Courts website communications guidelines says decisions about the publication of judgments and associated documents are court information. Because Court information is not subject to the Act under section 2(6)(a), I am refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, because the Ministry does not hold the information and I have no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager, Joe Locke, at media@justice.govt.nz

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry's website at: [justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses](https://www.justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses).

You have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act.
The Ombudsman may be contacted at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by
phone on 0800 802 602.

Thank you for writing.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Louise Ainsley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Louise Ainsley
Manager, Ministerial Relations and Services