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Tēnā koe James

INFORMATION REQUEST – Commissioner & Minister correspondence

Further to our extension letter, we write in response to your email dated 26 February 2024 in which you requested the following information:

- 2. text messages (including SMS, Whatsapp and Signal) sent and received between TCC commissioners and Ministers of the Crown between 1 Jan 2024 and 26 Feb 2024.**

We have considered your request in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (“**LGOIMA**”) and respond as follows:

2. The attachment included is a series of text exchanges between Commission Chair Anne Tolley and Hon Chris Bishop.

Parts of the exchange are withheld under the following sections of LGOIMA:

- *7(2)(c) protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information (i) would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or (ii) would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.*
- *7(2)(h) enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.*
- *7(2)(i) enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)*

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

We may publish this response on our website as your request may be of interest to others. All personal information will be removed and only the question and answers will be seen.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the writer.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Kath Norris', written in a cursive style.

Kath Norris
Team Leader
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