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Dear Gaye

Official Information Act request relating to information relating to use of EMF in New Zealand

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 25 July 2024. You requested:

*“Dear National Emergency Management Agency,
25/7/2024*

I am seeking information relating to use of EMF in New Zealand. Please return following information under the Official Information Act.

- 1. Has the use of EMF been authorised for use in NZ?*
- 2. Was EMF used during the protest in Wellington?*
- 3. If used, for what duration was it used, and who authorised it?”*

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is a departmental agency hosted by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC). I have interpreted “EMF” to stand for Electromagnetic Fields.

Parts 2 and 3 of your request were transferred to the New Zealand Police on 1 August 2024 under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. I refer you to their response.

NEMA does not hold information on the authorisation of EMF use in New Zealand. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Act – information requested does not exist. Information may be held by the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE), and I have transferred this part of your request to MBIE for any information they may hold under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

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

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

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**Chief of Staff,
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