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*Te Whare Wānanga o Waiāto*

1 November 2024

Miss W Forest

Email: fyi-request-28777-c064026d@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Miss Forest,

**Official Information request – 2020 report submissions**

I refer to your request for official information of 17 October 2024 in which you have requested the following information:

*Please provide the 96 submissions and recommendations that were received for the purposes of report led by Sir Wira Gardiner and Hekia Parata around 2020.*

*Only the selective summary of the report or findings has been so far published where I believe the report submissions and recommendations outside the final report were not published.*

Under the Official Information Act 1982 (**Act**) the University of Waikato (**University**) has considered your request and responds as follows.

The submissions and recommendations were received for the purposes of the Report. Therefore, the University refuses your request for these submissions and recommendations pursuant to section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act in order to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where the making available of the information, would likely 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.

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.

Yours sincerely

Jim Mercer

Chief Operating Officer