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Tēnā koe Wendy Pond

Official Information Act request relating to 5G roll out

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 5 December 2024. You requested:

"I wish to understand the 5G roll-out which is taking place without input from our community.

- 1. Please provide a brief history of how the roll-out was initiated.*
- 2. Please describe all aspects of the support provided by government for the roll-out. Please include (i) financial, (ii) use of existing networks and utilities, (iii) legislation, (iv) contracts, (v) privileges and concessions, (vi) other.*
- 3. Please explain why the related legislation has been composed so as to exclude the public from having a say as to whether we want 5G utilities near our residences.*
- 4. Please explain why electricity and fibre optic cable have been under grounded in order to protect the liveable character of residential areas, while cell poles are being placed in streets without regard for public values placed on street character.*
- 5. Please advise which government and telecommunication agencies are responsible for addressing public concerns about the roll-out."*

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not hold information relating to your request but I believe such information is held by the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment. Accordingly, I have decided to transfer your request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment under section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Nāku noa, nā

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