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Tēnā koe John,

Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA 2425-0736

I am responding to your email of 31 January 2025 to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I noted, you have recently call for nomination for your Water Services Authority - Taumata Arowai Board

May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website. Also, how many applications you have received from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc for your role. How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed in this recruitment round. May I also seek a copy of the ad went out to public.

Response to your request

Calls for nominations for the Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai Board were made on the Department of Internal of Affairs’ website from 19 December 2024 to 31 January 2025. Nominations were also sought from the three coalition parties during this time.

Calls for nominations are made at www.dia.govt.nz/Appointments-to-Statutory-Bodies, where you can find further, detailed information about appointments to statutory bodies.

There were 19 nominations received, with one of these being from the Ministry for Ethnic Communities.

Shortlisting has not yet taken place; therefore, the interview process has not begun. This part of your request is refused under 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

I am releasing to you in full a copy of the *Nomination form – Member of the Water Services Authority - Taumata Arowai Board* and the *Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai: Board Member candidate information*, attached as **Appendix A**.

Accessing the Ombudsman

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Proactive release

We intend to publish our response to your request on our website at: www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the Act's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of Ministers and officials.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Cauchi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeremy Cauchi
Director, Ministerial and Monitoring