



1 August 2017

Mr Jim Young

Dear Mr Young

**Request for information**

I refer to your email dated 24 June 2017 in which you requested the following:

*On Thursday, October the 9 2014, senior reporter David Fisher wrote in the New Zealand Herald that the Police were reviewing a complaint made by Mr Matt Blomfield ("Police review complaint against Whale Oil Blogger"). Mr Blomfield was reported as saying: "I am mindful of the fact that I have waited over two years for my matter to be concluded and I am becoming slightly impatient. If it came to pass that Mr Slater receives preferential treatment for a complaint that very closely mirrors my complaint, I would be quite annoyed.*

*The central issue is why the New Zealand Police did not search Mr Cameron Slater's residence and removed computer equipment from it in an effort to trace who gave him stolen material belonging to Mr Blomfield.*

*On Monday 13 July 2015, Detective Senior Sergeant Liam Clinton wrote to me to say the Blomfield/Slater matter complaint file appears to have been finalised. I am in the course of trying to establish if the review of that case has been completed. I will let you know that in due course.*

*He never contacted me again. Can I please have a copy of this review?*

In your penultimate paragraph you stated that Detective Senior Sergeant Liam Clinton advised you the "matter appears to have been finalised" as at 13 July 2015.

In fact this matter has not been finalised and is currently being further assessed for the purposes of continued investigations.

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Therefore, I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 and regret to inform you that as this matter is still active, I am refusing your request for information.

Your request is refused and information withheld pursuant to the following Sections:

- Section 6 (c) – as it would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely



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