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IR-01-18-1144

Dear Ms Morse

### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST**

On 4 May you requested all information held by New Zealand Police relating to Thompson & Clark concerning:

- Oil Free Wellington
- Peace Action Wellington
- Auckland Peace Action
- Climate Justice Taranaki
- The TOGS- Taranaki Oil and Gas Security group convened by Thompson & Clark
- The 2015, 2016, and 2017 Defence Industry Association Conferences
- The 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 Petroleum Summit Conferences
- Any information that specifically mentions me by name.

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The request is broad, covering material over four organisations in addition to Thompson & Clark, also known as Thompson and Clark Investigations Limited (TCIL), the TOGS, and the two Conferences as well as yourself. The request also covers a broad time period, with multiple years specified for the conferences and is presumably without time limit in relation to the other parts of your request.

Given the breadth of the request Police would need to undertake a thorough search of multiple systems to identify potentially relevant information. There is no central repository of this information, and I note that your request covers groups in several different regions, so information may exist in several Police Districts as well as in national units.

I therefore consider that responding to this request would require Police to undertake substantial collation and research prior to determining whether to release any information under the Act. Police is therefore considering refusing the request under s18(f) of the Act.

Before a final decision is made in relation to the request above, I wish to consult you on whether it would be possible to refine your request in a way that meets the requirement of s12(2) of the Act that requests be made with due particularity. This would reduce the scale of collation and research involved. This could include precisely specifying information you are interested in, a narrower date range or smaller number of groups of interest, and consideration of the form of disclosure under s16 of the Act, among other steps.

So that you are aware of other factors that will need to be taken into consideration of any future request to Police when determining whether to release any information provided by TCIL, or any other third party, Police will need to determine whether the information should be withheld under s92(ba)(i) of the Act. This section relates to information provided under an obligation of confidence. An obligation of confidence is the basis on which TCIL has provided Police with reports it originally prepared for commercial clients (which, for the sake of clarity, do not include Police). While this obligation does not completely prevent release, it would need to be given due consideration, particularly given that release could prejudice the provision of information to Police by third parties in the future.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Bayly', written over a horizontal line.

Cameron Bayly  
National Intelligence Centre  
New Zealand Police