

3 August 2018

Jake Preston

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Dear Mr Preston

**Official Information Act 1982 Request – Research paper 0830**

Thank you for your request for information received on 17 July 2018. You requested that the Earthquake Commission (EQC) make available to you the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

*"I request that all drafts of research paper 0380 be provided, as clearly the response from Renee Walker was, at best, in error.*

*I request all papers and minutes and any communications between EQC, its employees, contractors and agents, the EAG, and any staff or contractors associated with the support of the EAG, that relate to the briefings provided to parties outside EQC or the EAG, on work related to research paper 0380'.*

I can confirm that Renée Walker's response to you of 13 July 2018 was correct where it stated that there was no requirement for drafts or revisions of the 0380 research paper to be provided to EQC by the Engineering Advisory Group (EAG). The reference in the 8 November 2010 letter that you point to in your correspondence was written from the viewpoint that EQC was aware that the document was being produced.

With regards to your request for all drafts of research paper 0380 and for briefings provided to outside parties on work related to research paper 0380, our discussions with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) has confirmed that is it the more appropriate agency to respond to your request. Therefore, your request has been transferred to MBIE under section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information to which the request relates is more closely connected with the functions of MBIE.

MBIE will be in contact with you regarding your request. I have attached a copy of my letter advising of this transfer.

Yours sincerely

**Marija Bakulich**

Advisor, Government Relations

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Dear Ministerial Services Team

**Official Information Act 1982 Request**

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As agreed, we are transferring this request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) under section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982 as we believe the information to which the request relates is more closely connected with the functions of MBIE.

For your information, I have attached a copy of Mr Preston's original request and our letter to him advising of the transfer.

Yours sincerely



Marija Bakulich  
Advisor, Government Relations

## Ministerial Services Team

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**From:** EQC Info Mailbox  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 July 2018 11:20 a.m.  
**To:** 'Jake Preston'  
**Subject:** Your Request

Dear Jake

Thank you for your email.

### Your Request

I confirm that the below message has been received and forwarded for the attention of the appropriate team.

You will receive a response to this request within 20 working days.

### Further Information

If you require more information, please visit [www.eqc.govt.nz](http://www.eqc.govt.nz) or phone 0800 DAMAGE (0800 326 243) between 7am-9pm Monday-Friday and 8am-6pm on Saturday.

Please ensure you include your claim number when you enquire.

Yours sincerely

**Gabrielle** | Customer Service Consultant | Customer & Claims  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jake Preston [<mailto:fyi-request-8346-68955316@requests.fyi.org.nz>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 July 2018 8:04 p.m.  
**To:** EQC Info Mailbox  
**Subject:** Official Information request - Draft version of Research Paper 0380

Dear Earthquake Commission,

In a letter dated 08 November 2010, Hugh Cowan wrote to David Kelly of the Department of Building and Housing. In the letter he stated that a sixty page draft document had been developed. This is entirely at odds with a previous OIA response from Renee Walker that stated EQC had no requirement for drafts or revisions to be provided to EQC. Clearly for Hugh Cowan to hold a draft document at 08 November 2010 indicates that EQC had some requirement to be provided with drafts of this document.

I request that all drafts of research paper 0380 be provided, as clearly the response from Renee Walker was, at best, in error.

Further the same letter from Hugh Cowan states "organisations and individuals briefed to date ... reportedly are very positive about the potential of a future guidance document." I request all papers and minutes and any communications between EQC, its employees, contractors and agents, the EAG, and any staff or contractors associated with the support of the EAG, that relate to the briefings provided to parties outside EQC or the EAG, on the work related to research paper 0380.

Yours faithfully,

Jake Preston

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