

14 August 2018

Official Information Request No. 8140003363 (Please quote this in any correspondence)

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Dear Sir/Madam

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987 Re: the Lauren Southern and Stefan Molyneux event

I refer to your email, which we received on 3 August 2018, requesting information about the decision not to allow Stefan Molyneux and Lauren Southern speaking at Auckland council venues.

The company marketing 'Stefan Molyneux and Lauren Southern LIVE' entered into a venue hire agreement with RFA to hire the Bruce Mason Theatre. The booking was cancelled in accordance with the terms of that venue hire agreement.

Please find attached a copy of the venue hire agreement noting some information has been withheld under section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA to protect the privacy or natural persons and s7(2)(h) to enable commercial activities to be carried out without prejudice or disadvantage. In our view the public interest would not outweigh these reasons.

Excerpts from Robbie Macrae's health and safety affidavit have been withheld under LGOIMA s7(2)(d) to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public and s7(2)(g) to protect legal privilege. In our view we do not consider the public interest outweighs these reasons.

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right by way of complaint, under section 27(3) of the LGOIMA, to apply to the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of the decision.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting Official Information Request No. 8140003363.

Yours sincerely

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