



09 October 2018

Grant Carroll

Dear Mr Carroll

**Request for information**

Thank you for your letter dated 27 September 2018 requesting information on. You requested:

Operation Order relating to the operation carried out policing Waitangi Day celebrations at Waitangi over the period the 3rd to the 7th of February 2018.”

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982. We are unable to provide the requested information for the following reasons:

*Your email of 27 September 2018 refers. You request a copy of the Operation Order relating to the policing of Waitangi Day celebrations this year.*

*We decline to provide this to you in reliance on section 6(c) of the Official Information Act. Disclosure would affect the maintenance of the law at Waitangi. As you are no doubt aware, there are disputes of one kind or another at the Waitangi celebrations/commemorations every year. Police must be properly resourced and prepared to keep the peace and avoid harm to persons or property when policing this event. We will not disclose operational information which, when published, might enable one or more parties to a dispute to take advantage of the information in order to circumvent or disrupt any future Police efforts to maintain law and order.*

*You have the right to have my response in this matter reviewed by the Ombudsman.*

Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information is not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

If you have any questions, you may contact Deanna Walters.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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