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Dear Mr Haddon

Official information Act 1982 request: Magna Carta in New Zealand

I refer to your correspondence of 11 October 2018 seeking the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“How do I access the New Zealand Judicial system, to action article 29 of the Magna Carter 1297, as referenced in the New Zealand Constitution Act 1986. Relating to the Right to Justice and law in my country.

I would like to act on my right to Law and Justice under Constitutional Magna Carter because of Human Rights Act and Bill of Rights Act violations from a Government department (ACC) these rights have not been addressed by the elected officials or departments that are tasked to manage these issues within state services, if it is too difficult to have a Judicial process why pretend to have one.”.

As you are aware, article 29 of the Magna Carta sets out a principle of equality before the law. It makes clear that every person is entitled to justice, to have their rights recognised, and that the law will apply to all. These are core constitutional principles that are reflected in New Zealand law through legislation such as the Constitution Act 1986 and the Bill of Rights Act 1990. These principles apply to anyone engaging with the New Zealand government.

If you think there has been a breach of the Bill of Rights Act 1990 or the Human Rights Act 1993 by ACC there are a number of options to seek redress available to you. Below I have set out some illustrative examples that you may wish to use.

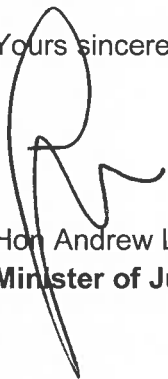
- The Human Rights Commission is an independent human rights body that act separately to government. If you feel you have been discriminated against, the enquiries and complaints service can help by providing advice and information, and by suggesting how best to resolve your issue. You can contact them by phone 0800 496 877, or email infoline@hrc.co.nz
- The Ombudsman is an independent authority that helps the community in its dealings with government agencies. The Ombudsman can investigate ACC actions which are not related to a decision on a claim. For example: actions taken by ACC in seeking repayment of a debt, or delays in responding to correspondence. You can contact them by phone 0800 802 602, or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

- You could also seek legal advice on further avenues. You might approach a community law centre as they provide free initial legal advice; you can find their contact details at www.communitylaw.org.nz
- You can also search for a lawyer on the New Zealand Law Society website: lawsociety.org.nz/for-the-community/find-lawyer-and-organisation
- Community law has also published an online manual that covers the different options for appealing government agency decisions on its webpage which you might find useful regarding your issue with ACC.

Regarding this response to your information request, you have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to complain to the Office of the Ombudsmen. Any complaint must be in writing. You can use the Office of the Ombudsman email address provided above, or the postal address:

Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10152
Wellington

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Andrew Little', written over the printed name.

Hon Andrew Little
Minister of Justice