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L R Jackson

By email: [fyi-request-11192-1e7d2865@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-11192-1e7d2865@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear L R Jackson

**Official information request for submissions from the sexual harassment prevention policy consultation**

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 12 September 2019:

*“I would like to request copies of all submissions and feedback received in relation to Victoria University of Wellington’s proposed stand-alone Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy and Procedures. I would like to request this without identifying details.”*

The University received 67 submissions on the draft Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy and Sexual Harassment Prevention Procedures. These submissions amount to 213 pages of feedback. 121 individuals are credited as being involved in these submissions, as well as another 16 University groups who provided submissions on behalf of their membership.

In accordance with the University’s usual policy development process (as contained in the University’s Policy Framework), the University group working on the draft policy and procedures is currently reviewing these submissions and considering potential changes to the draft Policy and Procedures.

Once this process has been completed, the University will release information on these submissions to members of the University community.

Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act on the basis that the information requested will soon be publicly available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at [oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Tawharu'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'G'.

Georgia Tawharu

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