

# Hon Poto Williams

MP for Christchurch East

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Dear Donna,

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request which was partially transferred to my Office on 2 June 2021, in which you requested "*Provide correspondence by email or text addressed to the Police Minister regarding Bike Auckland's Liberate the Lane rally at Pt Erin on Sunday 30 May and information regarding plans to ride across the bridge as part of the protest*".

I received a number of emails that covered a range of views regarding the Police response to this event on 30 May.

Please note that I regularly receive correspondence from members of the public freely expressing their views on a range of topics. This correspondence is sent to me in my role as Minister of Police. The senders of this correspondence have a reasonable expectation that their correspondence will be dealt with in confidence. Therefore it is necessary to withhold these emails under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Poto Williams', written over a circular stamp or watermark.

Hon Poto Williams  
Minister of Police