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Our ref: OIA 89684

Dear Ms Andonatonu

Official Information Act request: New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and the Covid-19 Public Health Response Act 2020

Thank you for your email of 28 July 2021 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982, information regarding the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and how this is affected by the Covid-19 Public Health Response Act 2020.

Specifically, you requested:

As a New Zealand citizen I am very concerned with what I see as a gross disregard for human rights especially Part 2: Clauses 9 - 11 and 13-18. My question to you is what is the legal status of these clauses from the New Zealand Bill of Rights in relation to the Covid - 19 Public Health Response Act 2020.

- 1) *Are my human rights superseded by the Covid - 19 Public Health Response Act 2020.*
- 2) *If yes to the above, what rights do I still have as a New Zealand citizen?*

I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act on the grounds that the information is already publicly available. The documents below serve as a check on the Response Act against consistency with the Bill of Rights Act:

- www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/COVID-19-Public-Health-Response-Amendment-Bill.pdf
- www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/Covid-19-Public-Health-Response-Amendment-Bill-No.2.pdf

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely,

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