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A.P.

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Ref: OIAO0582

Dear A.P.

Official Information Act request regarding Mass Formation and Psychologists in COVID-19 Response

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 14 January 2022. You requested:

"I would like to request information which proves that the NZ government did not use a technique called Mass Formation.

Mass formation requires

- 1. Social isolation*
- 2. Inability to make sense of life*
- 3. Free floating anxiety*
- 4. Free floating discontent*

When a population is deceived using mass formation, anything can be taken from them.

Please provide information regarding which psychologists were employed or consulted by the NZ Government for the Covid 19 recovery response."

The New Zealand Government did not use a technique called Mass Formation.

I am declining your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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