



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

2 May 2022

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Ref: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request: [REDACTED] **Ron Brierley's knighthood**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 19 April 2022. You requested:

*"Can you please confirm if Ron Brierley's knighthood has been removed or not.
Thank you."*

I can confirm that Mr Brierley's appointment as a Knight Bachelor has been cancelled and annulled.

In May 2021, Mr Brierley resigned as a Knight Bachelor, following his conviction on charges relating to possession of child sex abuse material. The resignation followed the Prime Minister's initiating the process to remove his knighthood. The Prime Minister's media statement can be found here: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/ron-brierley-knighthood-go>

The Queen accepted the resignation and cancelled and annulled his appointment. The relevant Gazette notice is available at <https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2021-vr1895>

As a result, Mr Brierley is no longer entitled to use the title "Sir".

Further information about forfeiture of honours in New Zealand can be found on the Honours website: <https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/new-zealand-royal-honours/newzealand-royal-honours-system/forfeiture-honours>

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

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā [REDACTED]

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