



8 June 2023



Reference: OIA-2022/23-0827

Dear 

Official Information Act request relating to NEMA communication regarding the evacuation or potential evacuation of Hawke's Bay residents

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 17 April 2023. You requested:

- *1News requests all communication the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) holds regarding the evacuation or potential evacuation of residents in Hawke's Bay.*
- *Including but not limited to emails, memos, and text messages.*
- *Communication between 9am February 13th to 9am February 15th*

The time frame for responding to your request was extended under section 15A of the Act by 16 working days because it necessitated a search through a large quantity of information, and consultations were needed before a decision can be made on your request.

Following this extension, we have identified the relevant material in scope of your request, however, it will take more time to prepare this information for release. As such, this letter is to notify you on our decision on your request and advise you of the material in scope. We expect to provide you with the requested information no later than 20 June 2023.

Information being released

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed below, subject to information being withheld as noted. The relevant grounds under which information will be withheld are:

1. section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals
2. section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion
3. section 9(2)(g)(ii), to prevent improper pressure or harassment

Item	Date	Document Description/Subject
1.	13/02/2023 – 15/02/2023	All NCC (MS Teams) Chat: Relating to Hawke's Bay evacuations
2.	13/02/2023 – 15/02/2023	NCC Intelligence Teams Chat – 0900hrs 13 February 2023 to 0900hrs 15 February 2023
3.	13/02/2023 – 15/02/2023	NCC Intelligence emails – 0900hrs 13 February 2023 to 0900hrs 15 February 2023
4.	14/02/2023	Email: NEMA NCC Sit rep 19 for distribution

5.	14/02/2023	Email: Meeting Notes (IMT and REMA NCC)
6.	14/02/2023	Attachment: IMT notes
7.	14/02/2023	Email: Ministerial Update at 0600hrs
8.	14/02/2023	Email: Ministerial Update at 1300hrs Tuesday 14 February
9.	14/02/2023	Email: RISK: NEMA mainline
10.	14/02/2023	Email: Speaking points for NEMA phone line
11.	14/02/2023	Email: Ministerial Update 6:30pm 14 February
12.	15/02/2023	Email: Ministerial Update 6:00am 15 February
13.	15/02/2023	Document: MetService weather update at 0500hr

Please note, some additional information may be withheld under section 6 and 9 of the Act.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding that information.

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

This response may 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.

Yours sincerely



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