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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request: DPMC advice on data centres and AI infrastructure

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 23 July 2026. You requested:

"All formal DPMC advice, briefings, Cabinet papers, aide-mémoires, or written assessments provided to Ministers between 1 January 2025 and 21 June 2026 concerning the national security, critical infrastructure, resilience, or sovereignty implications of large-scale data centres or AI computing infrastructure in New Zealand."

Searches of DPMC's information management systems and consultations with relevant subject matter experts have not identified any formal advice, briefings, Cabinet papers, aide-mémoires, written assessments, or other documents provided by DPMC to Ministers between 1 January 2025 and 21 June 2026 concerning the national security, critical infrastructure, resilience, or sovereignty implications of large-scale data centres or AI computing infrastructure in New Zealand. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Act, on the basis that the requested documents do not exist.

If you believe relevant information may be held by other agencies or Ministers, you may wish to make a request directly to them. Information about government agencies, including the types of official information they may hold, is available through the Ministry of Justice's Official Information Directory: [Directory of Official Information](#).

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 DPMC 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

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