

4 March 2022

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2022/02**

On 2 February 2022 you made a request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 to Napier City Council.

On 9 February 2022 Napier City Council made a partial transfer of your request to the Electoral Commission, to respond under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to your request for the following information:

- The Electoral Roll for the Onekawa Central SA2 Suburb, including*
- o Contact Name*
  - o Address*
  - o Phone Number*

Your request is refused under section 18((c)(i) of the Act, as making the information available would be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment.

The electoral rolls are public registers created under the Electoral Act 1993. Access to information on the rolls is strictly regulated under the Electoral Act. Apart from a general right of public inspection and the right to purchase copies of the rolls and habitation indexes, the supply of information from the rolls, particularly in electronic form, is closely regulated.

Any person may purchase the current main roll or habitation index for an electoral district under section 110(5) of the Electoral Act, on payment of the prescribed fee. The roll lists the names and addresses, and occupation (if provided) of registered electors, ordered alphabetically by family name, for the district. The index lists the names of electors by street address in the district. Phone numbers are collected as part of the enrolment process but are not included in the electoral rolls or indexes and are not released to the public.

I understand, subsequent to your request to Napier City Council for information under the official information legislation, that you have made an application to purchase the index for the Napier electoral district.

We would also remind you it is an offence under section 117 of the Electoral Act for a person to produce roll or habitation index information in a different form from that in which it was supplied under (unless the information obtained under the Electoral Act was more than 10 years before the date on which the processing or manipulation is done). A breach of section 117 of the Electoral Act carries a fine not exceeding \$50,000.

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every three months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted on [www.elections.nz](http://www.elections.nz).

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Temel'.

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