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Tēnā koe Garth

Your Official Information Act 1982 request OIA 2223-0452

Thank you for your email of 6 December 2022 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *“A copy of the application by the Commissioners and all supporting documents relating to the extension of the Tauranga City Council Commissioners terms as Commissioners of the Tauranga City Council.*
2. *A list of all persons and organisations who supported the extension of the Tauranga City Council Commissioners terms.*
3. *The Minister’s reasons for extending the term of the Commissioners.”*

As the information requested in points one and three is publicly available, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act.

On 8 June 2022 documents were publicly released that provided advice to the Minister of Local Government, Hon Nanaia Mahuta, regarding the appointment of the Tauranga City Council Commissioners (the Commissioners) for a further term. These can be found on the Te Tari Taiwhenua | the Department of Internal Affairs’ (Te Tari) website at the following page: www.dia.govt.nz/Proactive-Releases#Dep. Any further emails relating to the extension were of an administrative and logistical nature between Te Tari officials which we have considered outside of the scope of your request.

The Tauranga City Council has released reports on their website which may be of interest to you: www.tauranga.govt.nz/council/about-your-council/commissioners/commissioners-reports. Any requests for further information from the Commissioners should be made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Regarding point two of your request, Te Tari does not hold records of persons or organisations who supported the appointment of the Commissioners for a further term. Therefore, I am refusing this part of the request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of the decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

We intend to publish our response to your request on www.dia.govt.nz. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the Act's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of Ministers and officials.

Nāku noa, nā



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