

Our ref 600749 (Complaint ground: 600751)
Contact Helen Copsey
21 June 2023



Mr Garth Mathieson
By email: garth@gmlaw.nz

Dear Mr Mathieson

**Official information Act investigation
Department of Internal Affairs (the Department)
Request for information about support for the extension of the Tauranga City Council
Commissioners' terms**

I refer to Manager John Owen's letter of 17 March 2023, concerning your complaint about the decision of Department to partially refuse your request for information.

I have received a report from the Department on your complaint, and I have now had an opportunity to consider that material.

At this stage, I have formed a provisional opinion on the matter. I am providing the Department with an opportunity to comment before I decide whether to confirm my opinion as final. I have today written to the Department in that respect, and I will write to you again once I have received a response.

Yours sincerely

Peter Boshier
Chief Ombudsman