



Ref: OIA 2024-001

25 January 2024

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Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 4 January 2024 sharing your views. Due to the nature of the following part of your email, we are treating it as a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

In regards to the OIA, I am very interested to find out which commissioners have individually been allowed to view the work of Climate Healers and acknowledge the corruption in the United Nations FAO public reporting?

The Board of Commissioners is the governing body of the Commission who lead the organisation's role of providing independent, evidence-based advice to the Government of the day.

Our Commissioners are appointed because they possess high-level skills, experience and knowledge that make valuable contributions to the Commission's work.

There are no rules that dictate what publicly available information the Commissioners can and cannot view, either in their roles as Commissioners or in their other capacities outside of the Commission. For their roles here, they must use their experience and judgement to provide advice on how Aotearoa New Zealand can meet its climate goals. It is up to them to consider the most up-to-date evidence-based expertise and a wide-range of scientific literature and reports to inform their work.

I am unable to provide you with information that shows "which commissioners have individually been allowed to view" the work you refer to, as no such information exists. This decision is made under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Office of the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Contact details for the Ombudsman can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Please note that the Commission proactively releases its responses to requests made under the Act. This is to help ensure others can also have access to this information. As such, this letter will shortly be published on our website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Grant Blackwell", written over a white background.

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