



Ref: OIA 2024-021

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Thank you for your request of 9 May 2024 seeking the following information:

Under the OIA I requested an answer regarding what actions are made when a conflict of interest is confirmed. Declaring a conflict is not a form of remedy.

What policies does the Climate Commission have to stop potential, perceived and actual conflicts of interests or corruption from occurring.

Surely the climate commissioners are not best placed to assess these risks or their colleagues.

When was the conflict of interest policy last updated and externally audited?

The Commission has considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

It is important to note that the Commission does not have a policy to *stop* conflicts of interest from occurring. As advised in our last response, because of their skills, experience, and knowledge it is not unusual for Commissioners to have interests that relate to the Commission's work.

I am unable to provide you with such a policy, as it does not exist. I rely on [section 18\(e\)](#) of the Act to support my decision to not provide this information.

As previously advised, the Commission manages conflicts of interest through our [Conflicts of Interest policy](#) and [Conflicts Register](#). The steps the Commission takes when a conflict of interest is declared by a Commissioner can be found on pages 5-8.

As you can see on page 1 of the Conflicts of Interest policy, it was last updated in February 2021. The Commission provides all of its policies, including the Conflicts of Interest policy, to the Auditor every financial year as part of our yearly external audit.

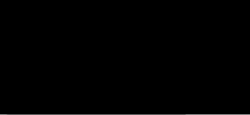
The Commission has a Fraud, Bribery and Corruption policy which is attached as **Document 1**. This policy sets out ways in which we seek to prevent, detect, and respond to instances of fraudulent or corrupt behavior.



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.

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