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Dear Andrew

Third party consultation under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*

I refer to your access application under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act), dated 16 January 2020.

I am writing to tell you that we have identified information relevant to your application that concerns the affairs of third parties. This information is expected to be of concern to the third party because it relates to their personal or business affairs, or the affairs of a government or government agency.

Under section 38 of the FOI Act, we are required to consult with the third parties before making a decision on the release of this information.

For this reason, as provided for under section 40 of the FOI Act, the period for processing your application has been extended by 15 working days in order to allow us to consult with the third parties.

A decision on your access application is now due on 20 March 2020.

The decision-maker will take into account any comments we receive from the third parties. However, the final decision on whether to grant you access to the information requested rests with the decision-maker.

I would also like to discuss matters related to this FOI application with you more informally than this exchange of letters. If you are agreeable, could you please provide me with a phone number on which to contact you. Alternatively, if you would like to contact me directly, please do so on 02 6205 0224.

Yours sincerely



Ro Spence
Deputy Electoral Commissioner

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