

16 January 2026

Ref: OIA26-TW01

s9(2)(a)

Via email: s9(2)(a)

Dear s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request, received on 5 January 2026. Your request was as follows:

"In October 2021, Te Waihanga NZ Infrastructure secured 4 subscriptions and increased this to 5 subscriptions in December 2021

- *At any time between October 2021 and January 2026 did any individuals at Te Waihanga NZ Infrastructure outside the premium group of individuals with paid subscriptions, have access to NBR content? If the answer to this question is yes, how many people were provided with the **option** to access NBR content outside the number that had paid access?*

Please note the precise question, how many people were provided with the option to access NBR content outside the number that had paid access?

- *What dates did this occur?*
- *What articles/stories were made available?"*

Response

Access to NBR content by staff at the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission, Te Waihanga (the Commission) is limited to the individuals assigned paid subscriptions. These subscriptions have been provided to those for whom media coverage is most relevant, specifically our senior leaders as well as team members who manage our interactions with media.

The Commission's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Acceptable Use Policy prohibits password sharing, and user accounts are assigned on an individual basis.

In accordance with this Policy, during the period from October 2021 to January 2026, the Commission did not provide individuals outside the paid subscriber group with the option to access NBR content.

Our ICT Acceptable Use Policy states that user accounts are assigned on an individual basis and must not be shared. Users are responsible for all actions performed under their user accounts, and this responsibility cannot be delegated. Any breach of subscription terms and conditions would be the responsibility of the individual user.

The Commission adheres to the Government Procurement framework, including supporting economic benefit to New Zealand businesses.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my response.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

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