

OIA Ref: 2023-011

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I refer to your email of 19 May 2023, transferred to the Climate Change Commission on 24 May 2023, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1) *What investments does Lisa and Francois Tumahai have in 'mining' via Arahura Holding Ltd.*
- 2) *What roles does Lisa Tumahai have that have a direct connection to coal mining beside her husband being a director of Bathurst Resources and board member of Minerals to Materials Research?*
- 3) *What is the policy of the Climate Commission for Commissioners and involvement with the oil, gas and coal/fossil fuel sector and lobby?*

In response to both the first and second parts of your request, I am able to advise that the Commission only holds information on the investments declared by Lisa Tumahai in our Interests Register. You can view this document, as well as our Interests Policy, on our website at: www.climatecommission.govt.nz/who-we-are/corporate-publications/our-interests-policy-and-register/

These two parts of your request are refused, as the information you seek is publicly available. This decision is made under Section 18(d) of the Act.

As you will see in our Interests Register, it is common for our Commissioners to have varying interests across sectors covered by the Commission's advice. This is because of the skills and expertise they are required to possess before being appointed to these roles, and is the reason why the Commission and other Crown Entities operate an Interests Register and act in accordance with our Interests Policy. Our Interests Policy is based on the requirements of the Crown Entities Act as well as guidance from the Auditor General.

I am unable to provide you with a specific policy regarding Commissioners' involvement with the fossil fuel industry, as no such policy exists at the Commission. This decision is made under Section 18(e) of the 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. The relevant details 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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