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by email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 10 February 2020

You have requested:

- *As the funder of RNZ, was the NZ on Air Board consulted on the plans to Downgrade Concert FM to an automated music streaming service and take it off the FM band? If so, was a vote taken on any decisions and if there was a vote, was it unanimous?*

Under the Broadcasting Act of 1989 our arrangement for funding Radio New Zealand is on an 'arms-length' basis to ensure RNZ provides editorially-independent, high quality public radio. The NZ On Air board was not consulted on the proposed plans to change Concert FM.

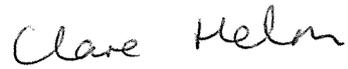
- *If NZ on Air were not consulted, does it have a right to accuse RNZ of possibly diverting funds intended for purposes other than that which the Radio Licence was granted for (namely Concert FM)?*

In the event that proposed changes constitute a legal breach, NZ On Air would engage with RNZ as necessary.

You have the right to refer this response to the Ombudsman if you are dissatisfied with it. More information on how to do this is [here](#). NZ On Air proactively releases information in accordance with the Government's commitment to the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan. This includes publishing responses to requests for information under the OIA. Please note that this response (with your name removed) will be published on the NZ On Air website shortly and will remain on our website for 12 months.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Helm". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clare Helm

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