

30 October 2020

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 5 October 2020

You have requested:

all correspondence, including text messages, emails, advice, reports, legal opinions etc, relating to the contracting of convicted paedophile Nikola Marinovich by Whitebait Media on children's television show What Now.

Please include (but not exclusively) all correspondence between NZ on Air and Whitebait Media, TVNZ, Ministry of Education, Customs, Police and Government ministers or their offices relating to this matter.

Please include all correspondence relating to attempts to implement new industry standards around police vetting in response to the Marinovich/What Now revelations.

I have attached the requested information that we are able to release:

- Internal communications within NZ On Air
 - Email trails are divided over the following pages
 - PG 1 – 4
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 - PG 7 - 8
- Communication with Whitebait Productions
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- Communication with TVNZ
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- Communication with MCH and the Minister’s office, PG 40 - 41
- Communications with ScreenSafe
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- Communication with Children’s Commissioner. PG 51 - 53

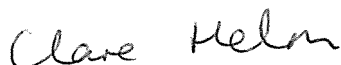
We have made minor redactions under Section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, protection of personal information. And one redaction under Section 9(2)(b) of the OIA, protection of trade secret. You will note an email from yourself is included in this correspondence, as we are replying to you, we have not redacted your email address or cell phone details. Please note as we have grouped documents via correspondence to specific groups – there may be some double ups due to multiple organisations being addressed in certain emails.

Please note since our communications that ScreenSafe have been working on new “Working with Children” standards, and consulting with WorkSafe. Information on these new standards are publicly available and are online [here](#).

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



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