

9(2)(a)

08/04/2026

Dear 9(2)(a)

## Re: Official Information Act Request: Property related services

Thank you for your email on 27 February 2026, in which you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982. You requested:

*All relevant materials used in the decision and relating to the decision under the OIA.  
(referring to the decision regarding Mr. Carnegie's conduct)*

Board Members are expected to comply with the Board Code of Conduct (which incorporates the Public Service Commission's Code of Conduct for Crown Entity Board Members) at all times. This code of conduct is available publicly here [Code of Conduct For Crown Entity Board Members - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#).

EECA Board Chair, Elena Trout, was made aware of concerns, and her view was that Mr. Carnegie's behaviour did not breach these standards. These communications have been attached as Appendix 1, with personal information such as phone numbers redacted to protect privacy under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.eeca.govt.nz/about/news-and-corporate/official-information/> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely,



Murray Bell

**Group Manager, Policy and Regulation**



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**FW: Concern around conduct of board member: John Carnegie**

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**From** [REDACTED]**Date** Fri 3/27/2026 8:39 AM**To** [REDACTED]

**EECA**  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY &  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
TE TARI TIAKI PŪNGAO



Executive Assistant to Chief Executive

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**From:** Elena Trout [REDACTED]**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 February 2026 9:05 pm**To:** Marcos Pelenur <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Re: Concern around conduct of board member: John Carnegie

Needs to be before 8am as in a board meeting all day .

Elena

Sent from my iPad

On 17 Feb 2026, at 8:38 PM, Marcos Pelenur <[Marcos.Pelenur@eeca.govt.nz](mailto:Marcos.Pelenur@eeca.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi Elena,

This email arrived in EECA's inbox. Given it's about a Board member, I thought I would give you visibility.

I'll give you a quick call tomorrow to discuss our intended response.

All the best  
Marcos

**Marcos Pelenur**

Chief Executive

DDI [04 495 8257](tel:044958257) | [REDACTED]

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**From:** EECA Enquiries <[EECAEnquiries@eeca.govt.nz](mailto:EECAEnquiries@eeca.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 February 2026 10:17 am  
**To:** Marcos Pelenur <[Marcos.Pelenur@eeca.govt.nz](mailto:Marcos.Pelenur@eeca.govt.nz)>; Brett Banner <[Brett.Banner@eeca.govt.nz](mailto:Brett.Banner@eeca.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Kerry Norman <[Kerry.Norman@eeca.govt.nz](mailto:Kerry.Norman@eeca.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: Concern around conduct of board member: John Carnegie

Morning

Here's one for you

Thanks  
Jo

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**From:** 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 16 February 2026 7:22 pm  
**To:** EECA Enquiries <[EECAEnquiries@eeca.govt.nz](mailto:EECAEnquiries@eeca.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Concern around conduct of board member: John Carnegie

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You don't often get email from [nicholas.gunby@outlook.com](mailto:nicholas.gunby@outlook.com). [Learn why this is important](#)

Good evening,

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I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

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**FW: Email correspondence**

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**From:** John Carnegie [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, 20 February 2026 6:55 am  
**To:** Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@eeca.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** Elena Trout <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Email correspondence

I'd like to see the response before it goes out please.

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**From:** Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@eeca.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026 9:24:39 AM  
**To:** John Carnegie [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Elena Trout <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Email correspondence

Hi John,

Just a curtesy FYI about some correspondence we got below. I chatted to Elena and she asked me to forward it to you as heads up – no action needed.

We'll draft a standard response.

All the best  
Marcos



## Marcos Pelenur

Chief Executive

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From [REDACTED]

Date Fri 3/27/2026 8:38 AM

To [REDACTED]



**Kerry Norman**

Executive Assistant to Chief Executive

DDI [REDACTED]

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**From:** Elena Trout [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, 20 February 2026 5:00 pm

**To:** Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@eeca.govt.nz>

**Cc:** John Carnegie <[REDACTED]>; Kerry Norman <Kerry.Norman@eeca.govt.nz>

**Subject:** RE: Letter to 9(2)(a)

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Marcos I am assuming as per normal you have sent a copy of this to MBIE? If not please do so.  
Elena

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**From:** Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@eeca.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Friday, February 20, 2026 4:45 PM

**To:** Elena Trout <[REDACTED]>; John Carnegie <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Letter to 9(2)(a)

Hi Elena and John

FYI - attached is a copy of the letter sent to 9(2)(a) today. A copy has also been provided to the Minister for his information out of courtesy.

Thanks  
Marcos



**Marcos Pelenur**

Chief Executive

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