



13 November 2025

Official information request regarding advice to the Broadcasting Standards Authority
Our Ref: OIA-2526064

I refer to your official information request dated 16 October 2025 for:

any communication between Crown Law and the Broadcasting Standards Authority around whether a person who publishes audio and video over the Internet can be regarded as a broadcaster under the Broadcastings Act 1989.

If there is such advice, and it is legally privileged, I would still like to know whether such advice was sought and given, even if the actual advice can't be provided.

We have found no record of any advice provided by Crown Law on the matter you identified. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested does not exist.

Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of this letter.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us at oia@crownlaw.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

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