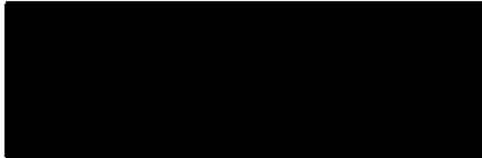


21 DEC 2018



Thank you for your email of 4 December 2018 to Housing New Zealand, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I wish to apply under the Official Information Act to obtain the following information:*

*The street addresses of all Housing New Zealand properties from where tenants were evicted as a result of the erroneous methamphetamine testing regime that occurred under the previous National Government.*

I have considered your request under the Act and can advise you that I am withholding your request under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to 'protect the privacy of natural persons'.

I can advise you that the way Housing New Zealand manages methamphetamine contamination in our homes has changed and will continue to change as we develop new and better ways to support people. Our focus is on making sure people in our homes who experience addiction, or who have family members living with them who struggle with addiction, get the support they need.

Housing New Zealand also has a committed team dedicated to providing assistance options available to tenants who had their tenancies terminated as a result of our former methamphetamine contamination testing standards. This assistance includes re-housing help where necessary, discretionary grants for removal costs and abandoned or destroyed belongings, the cancellation of debt incurred through meth decontamination, and the refund of any meth contamination costs they have already paid. Please refer to: <https://www.hnzc.co.nz/for-our-tenants-and-their-communities/our-tenants/health-and-safety/making-it-right-methamphetamine-contamination-in-our-homes/> for more information.

You have the right under section 28(3) to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly".

**Rachel Kelly**  
**Manager Government Relations**