

12 November 2019

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act #19.065 - Ruapehu Alpine Lifts

1. We refer to your request received on 15 October 2019 for information about whether the Commerce Commission (the Commission) has received a complaint about Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (RAL) by 'off mountain retailers' and if so, the status of that complaint.
2. On 30 October 2019, during a call with Jessica Clarke, you clarified your request to information about:
 - 2.1 whether [REDACTED] and/or Mr Mike Wiggins has made a complaint to the Commission about RAL;
 - 2.2 if so, the complaint outcome(s); and
 - 2.3 whether the Commission is looking into the RAL tax free issue.
3. We have treated this as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Our response

4. We have decided to grant your request.
5. The Commission has received a complaint about RAL from Mr Wiggins, as indicated in the Radio New Zealand Article you have provided.¹
6. The Commission decided not to take further action in relation to the complaint because we consider the issue of RAL's tax free status is best suited to the Inland Revenue Department. The Commission is not looking into the RAL tax free issue.

¹ <https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/audio/2018712585/ruapehu-ski-operator-suppressing-competition>

7. The Commission will be publishing this response to your request on our website. Your personal details will be redacted from the published response.
8. Please do not hesitate to contact us at oa@comcom.govt.nz if you have any questions about this request.

Yours sincerely

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