

11 Hakihea 2023



**Official Information Act #23.119 – Use of te reo Māori at Te Komihana Tauhokohoko
Commerce Commission**

1. We refer to your request received on 23 November 2023 for information about the Commerce Commission’s (the Commission) use of te reo Māori since 13 October 2023.
2. Specifically, you requested all information since 13 October 2023 concerning:
 - 2.1 any changes to policy on the use of te reo Māori in either internal or external communications;
 - 2.2 any internal communications (including emails, texts, messages and memos) relating to the use of te reo Māori; and
 - 2.3 any advice received or prepared on the use of te reo Māori.
3. We have treated this as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Our response

4. The Commission can confirm that there have been no changes to the Commission’s policies on the use of te reo Māori since 13 October 2023. The Commission has not, nor sought to, adjust any settings internally on the above, therefore the Commission does not hold any internal communications or advice on the ongoing use of te reo Māori. We have therefore decided to refuse your request pursuant to section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information you have requested does not exist.
5. The Commission has developed a Rautaki Māori (Māori Strategy) to support the Commission to build foundations and develop the capability to ensure Māori benefit

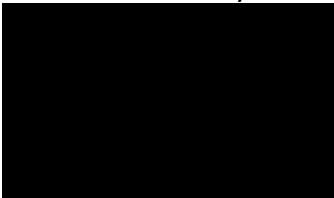
from our work. Information on the Commission's Rautaki Māori (Māori Strategy) can be found [here](#). The Commission's Rautaki Māori is also incorporated in the Commission's [Statement of Intent 2023 – 2027](#).

6. The Commission has also made a commitment to support the revitalisation of Te reo Māori, an official language and a taonga unique to Aotearoa. This commitment is framed by our Mahere Reo (Māori language plan) (**Attached**), which sets a vision that "Te Reo Māori thrives at Te Komihana Tauhokohoko, because our people are confident and empowered to use te Reo Māori in every aspect of our work."

Further information

7. If you are not satisfied with the Commission's response to your OIA request, section 28(3) of the OIA provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.
8. Please note the Commission will be publishing this response to your request on its website. Your personal details will be redacted from the published response.
9. Please do not hesitate to contact us at uia@comcom.govt.nz if you have any questions about this response.

Yours sincerely



OIA and Information Coordinator