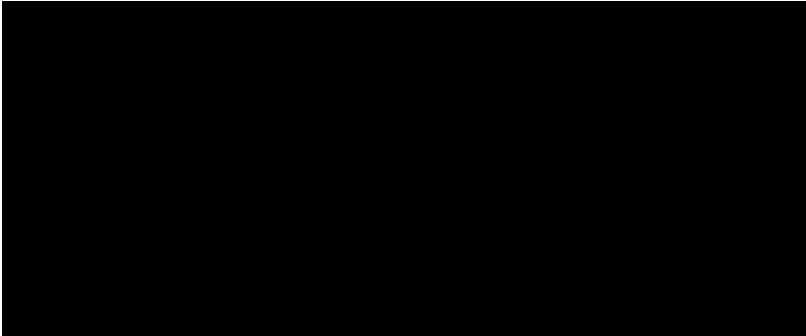


16 May 2024



### **Official Information Act #23.221 - Response**

1. We refer to your request received on 4 April 2024 for copies of any correspondence between the Commerce Commission (the Commission) and either NZME or SunMedia in relation to NZME's acquisition of SunMedia.
2. On 2 May 2024, the Commission extended the time limit by which we must make a decision on your request to 17 May 2024.

### **Our response**

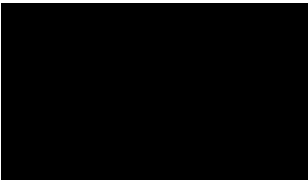
3. We have decided to grant your request.
4. We consulted with NZME on the release of their information. We are releasing three documents to you:
  - 4.1 Emails between the Commission and NZME dated 8 March 2024 to 13 March 2024 (document number CC.01.0003)
  - 4.2 Emails between the Commission and NZME dated 15 March 2024 to 27 March 2024 (document number CC.01.0013)
  - 4.3 Letter from NZME dated 15 March 2024 (document number CC.01.0014)
5. Information is withheld under:
  - 5.1 section 9(2)(a) of the OIA because the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons; and

- 5.2 section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA because the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
6. We consider that good reasons exist for withholding information under section 9, and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available (section 9(1) of the OIA).
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.

**Further information**

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 [ويا@comcom.govt.nz](mailto:ويا@comcom.govt.nz) if you have any questions about this request.

Yours sincerely



OIA and Information Coordinator