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Hon. Max Bradford
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Dear Mr Bradford

NOTICE OF ALLEGED BREACH OF THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982

In my letter to you dated 20 August 1997, I specifically requested that you provide information to explain how the Crown can legitimately vest Crown owned minerals to private parties when those minerals are already incumbent to existing applicants under the mining Act's and Statutory Regimes.

In your letter of reply dated 17 September 1997 you allegedly evaded this specific request by stating that both a moratorium and the Ngai Tahu (Pounamu Vesting) Bill prohibited the Crown from granting any further licences or permits for pounamu.

My request did not pertain to a moratorium of no statutory relevance or a Bill which at the time was not passed into law. I requested statutory information directly relevant to my above mentioned statement.

To date you have not answered and accordingly I am asking for the same information eight months later.

It is not necessary that I stipulate the Official Information Act each time I request information, especially to a Minister of the Crown who is directly responsible to my affairs. I therefore allege that you have breached the Official Information Act 1982 by not supplying information or evidence of that information I requested, within 20 working day's from receipt of my request.

This matter will now be put in the hands of my solicitor along with the alleged defamation case.

Yours sincerely

Kenneth James Landaus