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Request from:	Amy Ridout – Stuff.co.nz
Information requested:	Any correspondence received from “Sovereign Citizens” since January 2020
Response by:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

5 April 2023

Amy Ridout
Stuff.co.nz

Via Email: amy.ridout@stuff.co.nz

Dear Amy

Official information request for correspondence received from “Sovereign Citizens” since January 2020

I refer to your official information request dated 30 March 2023 for correspondence received from “Sovereign Citizens” since January 2020.

We have to refuse your request under section 7(2)(e) that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive

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