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Tēnā koe Cameron

Request for information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) and Privacy Act 2020, dated 14 September 2021.

On 11 October 2021, we extended the time limit for responding to your request until 3 December 2021 in accordance with section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA and section 65(1)(b) of the Privacy Act 2020.

The documents within scope of your request are listed at Appendix 1 and copies are attached.

My response to each of your questions can be found below.

1. I request document "TM-INTSUM-210913 Op FIELD"

Please refer to attached document 1.

On 14 September 2021, the wording of paragraph 33 of document 1 was included in a National Intelligence Centre (NIC) Intelligence Summary for Operation Field. At this point, the Director of National Intelligence recognised that the reference to the BFD as a "disinformation site" was problematic and took measures to ensure the accuracy and objectivity of this statement. Please refer to document 2 where the Director states:

"I remain conscious of the need for objectivity and accuracy in all that we write. I had a sense of unease when I read paragraph 21 today where we wrote "Facebook disinformation site 'The BFD'". Are we absolutely certain of our statement that the BFD could be fairly characterised as a disinformation site? Sufficiently so that we could stand up and defend the statement in the face of an OIA? It is one thing for media commentators to offer an opinion or judgements of this sort, but quite another for it to occur in an apolitical official document. In tomorrow's Intsum, we need to offer validation to support the claim that BFD is a "disinformation site" by expanding the issue, clarify/qualify

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what we meant, or correct the statement; all based on the weighting of evidence to support our analytic judgement one way or the other.”

I note that this document pre-dates your request. Documents 3 – 5 also relate to the reference to the BFD as a “disinformation site”.

For your information, the final version of the NIC Summary, dated 15 September 2021, contained the following revised paragraph.

“Facebook site ‘The BFD’ recently shared a YouTube video where controversial right-wing blogger Cameron SLATER of Waitemata District discusses the 03 September attack. The video criticises the Governments perceived inaction regarding SAMSUDEEN, as well as blaming Immigration from Islamic countries towards contributing to attacks like those on 03 September 2021. Comment. For additional context the BFD is a ‘centre-right political viewpoint, with constant analysis and commentary of political events.’ Initial analysis of the site indicates reporting largely relates to current events, particularly COVID-19 and the 03 September attack. Reporting often publishes opinion-based articles, some of which air in the first person. There is evidence suggesting the site publishes content that has been fabricated to some extent. One example being Dr Siouxsie WILES being depicted with a ‘pinocchio nose’ and being referred to as ‘Hypocrite of the Year.’”

- 2. any and all documents/communications/report including emails that mention "The BFD" website or Facebook page since August 2019.**
- 3. any and all documents/communications/reports including emails that mention "Cameron Slater", since March 2021.**

Please refer to attached documents 6 – 9.

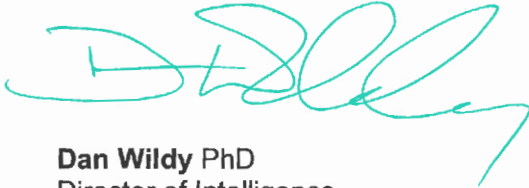
Some information has been withheld from various documents under the following sections of the OIA, as detailed in Appendix 1 (the final page of this letter):

- 6(c), where making the information available would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial
- 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(c), to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public
- 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the expression of free and frank expression of opinions by employees of any Department during the course of their duty
- 9(2)(g)(ii), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of employees from improper pressure or harassment.

Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman and/or Privacy Commissioner to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

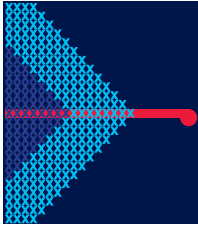
Yours sincerely

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Director of Intelligence
New Zealand Police

Appendix 1: Attached Documents

	Description	Decision
1	TM-INTSUM-210913-OP FIELD	Some information withheld under sections 6(c), 9(2)(a), 9(2)(c) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the OIA
2	Email "FW: Op Field points"	Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(ii) of the OIA; some information redacted as out of scope
3	Email "Understanding Information Disorder"	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the OIA
4	Email "FW: Priority"	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the OIA
5	Email "FW: Document 1"	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the OIA
6	Email "Quick update on leads from todays TM IntSum."	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the OIA; some information redacted as out of scope
7	Email "FW: Cameron Slater"	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the OIA
8	Extracts from Webex	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the OIA
9	Extracts from Webex	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the OIA; some information redacted as out of scope



Intelligence Summary



Title	Operation FIELD
Document reference	TM-INTSUM-210913-OP FIELD
Date and time	13 September 2021, 1000hrs
Produced by/location	Tāmaki Makaurau Intelligence

The next INTSUM will be disseminated at 1000hrs on 14 September 2021. Updates are in blue text.

New Zealand's terrorism threat level is **MEDIUM**; a terrorist attack is feasible and could well occur.¹

Key Assessments and Updates

- It is assessed the offender was a lone actor.² s.6(c) OIA
[Redacted]
- The offender's burial has been conducted privately and confidentially.³ **Comment:** At the time of writing, the burial site is not intended to be made public. s.9(2)(g) OIA
[Redacted]
Comment ends.
- s.6(c) OIA
[Redacted]
- [Redacted]⁴
- [Redacted]⁵
- In the last 48hrs, routine scanning and monitoring has identified minimal information relevant to Operation Field.⁷ Public commentary and mainstream media reporting on both the 3 September attack and SAMSUDEEN continue to subside. No new posts relating to the attack or the offender have been identified

¹ New Zealand Security Intelligence Service. Retrieved 4 September 2021 from: <https://www.nzsis.govt.nz/our-work/counter-terrorism/national-terrorism-threat-level/>

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on Facebook pages belonging to identified associates of the offender. No evidence of threats to public safety or mis/disinformation have been observed.⁸

7. On 10 September 2021, details of Operation **s.6(c) OIA** were made public in a news media article, however the suspect's identifying details remain suppressed.

[REDACTED]

8. Muslim women and youth continue to feel particularly vulnerable for reprisal attacks and hate given their visibility despite increased Police patrols.¹¹ **Recommendation:** Ongoing reassurance activity and engagement with the Muslim community. **Recommendation ends. Comment:** **s.9(2)(g) OIA**

[REDACTED] **Comments ends.**

9. **s.9(2)(c)** [REDACTED] the New Zealand Muslim Association (NZMA) have made arrangements exclusively for members of the Muslim community to receive the COVID-19 vaccination at The Medication Management Hub, 105 Great South Rd, Epsom, City East Area (CEA) for today, 13 September.¹² **Police will be conducting reassurance visits throughout the day.**¹³ Planning remains under way to set up a vaccination centre for the Muslim community at the [REDACTED] City West Area (CWA). **An Ethnic Liaison officer and a vaccinator will be meeting with the Imam today to discuss the logistics.**¹⁴ **Comment:** **s.9(2)(g) OIA**

[REDACTED] **Comment ends. Recommendation:** Careful planning and risk mitigation should be undertaken at these locations to ensure the safety of those attending. **Recommendation ends.**

10. A large group (130+) of Afghanistan evacuees exited MIQ on 11 September and moved to **s.9(2)(c)** [REDACTED].¹⁵ **No Issues were noted during the relocation process.**¹⁶ The Ethnic Partnerships team are working with Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on their safety and reassurance orientation.¹⁷ **Comment:** **TM Ethnic Services will be conducting visits with the Afghanistan refugees at [REDACTED] today and tomorrow.**

[REDACTED]¹⁸ Public sentiment in response to media reporting on the Afghan evacuees has been mixed. Negative comments include anti-immigration/refugee sentiments and criticism of the New Zealand government not dealing with homelessness and the housing crisis first in New Zealand.¹⁹ **Comment ends. Recommendation:** It is essential Police proactively engage with community leaders to ensure awareness of any issues. Facilitating contact within their new communities, both government and Non-Government Organisations (NGO), should be considered to ensure they are supported and feel safe asking for help if required. **Recommendation ends.**

11. On 10 September 2021, news media reported SAMSUDEEN's attempt to relinquish his New Zealand residency in 2018. Immigration New Zealand (INZ) advise he refused to engage with them about the request,

⁸ Open Source Intelligence Team (2021) [REDACTED]. IN CONFIDENCE. New Zealand Police.

⁹ [REDACTED]
¹⁰ [REDACTED]

¹¹ TM Ethnic Responsiveness Manager, personal communication, 8 September 2021 1445hrs.

¹² NZMA (2021) retrieved on 11 September at 0854hrs from <https://nzma.kiwi.nz/?p=2207>

¹³ CEA Intelligence Collections Coordinator, webex communication, 0920hrs 13 September 2021.

¹⁴ TM Ethnic Responsiveness Manager, personal communication, 13 September 2021, 0903hrs

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¹⁷ Tāmaki Makaurau Intelligence (2021) Intelligence Summary Operation COVID. TM-INTSUM-210908-Op COVID

¹⁸ [REDACTED]

¹⁹ Tāmaki Makaurau Intelligence Analyst, online scanning conducted 10 September 2021 at 2036hrs

which was subsequently not progressed. Public sentiment is negative, with some expressing disbelief towards why INZ did not cancel the offender’s residency. Several comments indicate this is contrary to prior Government messaging that all possible actions were taken to prevent this attack. **Comment:** s.9(2)(g) OIA

Comment ends.²⁰

12. s.9(2)(ba) OIA, s.9(2)(g) OIA

[Redacted content]

Incidents of note

13. Threats – On 11 September at 1101hrs, a male sitting in his vehicle at Countdown, s.6(c) OIA [Redacted] carpark was overheard speaking to someone on the phone saying that he was going to go into Countdown and shoot everyone and then take a video.²³ The male is believed to be s.9(2)(a) OIA of [Redacted] denied the allegations and explained he was upset about not having any money for food. Staff gave [Redacted] a food parcel.²⁵ [Redacted] said he has no intention of shooting anyone and does not own a gun or have access to any. Police located an axe handle in his vehicle. [Redacted] was issued a formal warning for ‘speaks threateningly’. **Comment:** [Redacted]

²⁶ **Comment ends.**

14. Threats – On 11 September at 2045hrs, s.9(2)(a) OIA²⁷ of [Redacted] was suspected of shoplifting at Countdown, [Redacted]. When stopped by security, [Redacted] pulled a steak knife out of his bag and presented it at the security guard.²⁸ He stated he had another knife in his bag. [Redacted] then dropped the knife and ran away. He was arrested a short distance away, but his bag was not located. [Redacted] has flags for being a [Redacted] and has [Redacted].

Comment: [Redacted]

Comment ends.

15. Mental health – [Redacted]²⁹ from [Redacted] has come to Police attention multiple times since 8 September for mental health calls to service. He stated he was feeling suicidal and wished to kill his [Redacted]. He told [Redacted] workers he wanted to go to a supermarket to purchase a knife, which he would use to kill his [Redacted].³⁰ During one phone call with Police he stated, “people would die” and that he is part of a team called the [Redacted] and that his ‘Boss’ was forcing him to kill his [Redacted]. He also disclosed to a member of the public that he was the "Christchurch terror attacker's number one fan" and she should "pay attention to the news tomorrow night".³¹ **Comment:** [Redacted]

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[Redacted] **Comment ends.**

- 16. Threats – On 10 September, an unknown male broke into KFC, **s.6(c) OIA** [Redacted] and threw tables and chairs around.³² The male was disturbed and ran off towards the Countdown Supermarket, [Redacted] He then made threats to Countdown employees that he would return with a knife and stab them. **Comment:** [Redacted] **Comment ends.**

- 17. Threats – On 7 September at 0704hrs, **s.9(2)(a) OIA**³³ received threatening messages on his Facebook page. The message alleged that [Redacted], who owns [Redacted] is a terrorist. The message also made derogatory comments about Islam and threats of violence.³⁴ **Comment:** [Redacted] was contacted by TM DCC Intel on 12 September, who stated the victim of the threat messages is actually is [Redacted] of [Redacted]³⁶ [Redacted] stated a detective had already contacted him regarding the incident. [Redacted] was the victim of the 6 September hate crime incident where Facebook tag [Redacted] messaged him hateful comments about being Muslim and accused him of being a friend of the terrorist and account [Redacted] included a threat to stab the informant.³⁷ [Redacted] is the suspect in this incident. Waitemata CIB were investigating. **Comment ends.**

- 18. Suspicious comments - On 10 September, the **s.9(2)(a) OIA** [Redacted] reported suspicious comments made by [Redacted] of Auckland Central (CAA). A patient on a ward with [Redacted] overheard him making comments in regard to breaking into the hospital pharmacy to get controlled drugs as well as making comments relating to 'harming Muslim children'.⁴⁰ **Comment:** [Redacted] **Comment ends.**

Upcoming Events

- 19. From 15 to 16 September the Jewish community will be celebrating Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement, which is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. Its central themes are atonement and repentance. Jewish people traditionally observe this holy day with a day-long fast and intensive prayer, often spending most of the day in synagogue services.⁴¹ **Comment:** **s.9(2)(g) OIA** [Redacted] **Comment ends.**
- 20. From 20 to 27 September, the Jewish community will be celebrating Sukkot, also known as the Feast of the Tabernacles, Sukkot celebrates the harvest and commemorates the 40 years Jewish people spent on the way from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land.
- 21. From 27 to 29 September, the Jewish community will celebrate Shemini Atzeret or the Eighth Day of Assembly, a Jewish holiday which marks the end of Sukkot and is a festival in its own right.
- 22. From 28 to 29 September, the Jewish community will celebrate Simchat Torah is Hebrew for 'joy/rejoicing of the Torah' – the Torah being the first five books of the Bible. It marks the end of the annual cycle of public Torah readings and the start of a new cycle.
- 23. From 27 to 28 September, the Shia Muslim community will begin Arba'een, a religious observance occurring 40 days after the Day of Ashura. It commemorates the end of 40 days of mourning for the martyrdom of

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⁴¹ Kupu Whakatau (Supported Resolutions) Coordinator, email communication, 5 September 2021 1112hrs

Prophet Muhammad's grandson. Pilgrims in Iraq marking the festival have been the subject of attacks in the past.

24. Between 20 September and 6 October, the Hindu community will begin Pitru Paksha, a 16-lunar day period in the Hindu calendar when Hindus pay homage to their ancestors.

Background

25. At 1440hrs on 3 September, a knife attack occurred at a Countdown supermarket in New Lynn (WMW).⁴² A lone male offender entered the supermarket, obtained a large kitchen knife in-store and proceeded to stab several people while reportedly chanting 'Allahu Akbar'.⁴³ The offender was fatally shot by Police approximately 60 seconds after becoming aware of the activity inside the supermarket.⁴⁴
26. Eight people were injured by the offender during the attack. They comprise four women aged 29, 43, 60 and 66, and four men aged 53, 57 and 77 (the age of the fourth male victim is currently unknown).⁴⁵ As of 9 September three of the victims are in Auckland City Hospital, Auckland City District (ACD) in a stable condition. The five remaining victims are continuing to recover at home.⁴⁶ **Comment:** There is no information to suggest the victims were targeted specifically, however all the victims could be described as European in appearance.⁴⁷ Media have reported the views of one witness to the attack, saying she does not think the offender was interested in her because of her skin colour and that he seemed to be interested in 'people of white colour'.⁴⁸ **Comment ends.** The eighth victim was only identified on 9 September and did not sustain any knife wounds, but was instead pushed by the offender after he attempted to help one of the victims. The individual did not require any medical attention.⁴⁹
27. The offender was known National Security Person of Interest, **Ahamed Aathill MOHAMED SAMSUDEEN**⁵⁰ of Glen Eden (WMW). **Comment:** SAMSUDEEN *almost certainly* held views aligned to an extremist interpretation of Islam and supportive of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). SAMSUDEEN was released from prison on 13 July 2021 and was under Police surveillance at the time of the attack. **Comment ends.**

Public Sentiment

General Sentiment

28. Public commentary and mainstream media reporting on the 3 September attack and SAMSUDEEN continues to decrease. **However, a spike of resurgence was seen after a segment on the attack was aired on the Sunday TVNZ programme on 12 September.** **Comment:** It is *likely* current reporting of the evolving COVID-19 situation in New Zealand will continue to dominate media headlines, **particularly when alert level movements are announced.** **Comment ends.**
29. **Some News media sites continue to disable or limit** the ability of individuals to comment on articles posted on Facebook relating to the attack, due to harmful comments and a lack of resourcing to moderate them.

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44 New Zealand Police. (September 4, 2021). *Update: Operation Rally*. Retrieved on 4 September 2021 from: <https://www.police.govt.nz/news/release/update-operation-rally>

45 New Zealand Herald. (2021, September 4). *Auckland mall terrorist attack: Police officers waited at Countdown supermarket entrance – up to two and a half minutes between first stabbing, fatal shooting*. Retrieved 4 September 2021 from: <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/auckland-mall-terrorist-attack-police-officers-waited-at-countdown-supermarket-entrance-up-to-two-and-a-half-minutes-between-first-stabbing-fatal-shooting/W6GC2GZQO6LZU33JNFMEYYPEFU/>

46 NZ Police Media release, 8 September 2021 at 1125hrs

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48 Masilamani, K. (2021, September 4). *LynnMall terror attack: Security guard on second day of job when terrorist began stabbing spree*. Retrieved 4 September 2021, from NewsHub: <https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2021/09/LynnMall-terror-attack-security-guard-on-second-day-of-job-when-terrorist-began-stabbing-spre.html>

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Comment ends.⁵¹

30. On 12 September, the Sunday TVNZ programme aired a segment relating to the 3 September attack. The programme interviewed experts regarding the opportunities lost to have rehabilitated SAMSUDEEN with both agreeing that the attack could have been prevented. The segment has also been posted on the Sunday Facebook page.⁵² As of 13 September, there were 51 comments, 27 reacts and 8 shares. Commentary was mostly negative towards Government agencies with most people agreeing the attack could have been prevented. Some comments were against the media posting SAMSUDEEN's face stating it will re-traumatize the victims. **Comment:**
- Comment ends.**
31. As SAMSUDEEN's past has become public, comments on social media posts by news media outlets indicate that most public sentiment is starting to focus on deportation and refugee policies in New Zealand.⁵³ There continues to be commentary around the number of refugees entering NZ. Some people are in support of this process however others are critical of the government and are wary of the lack of vetting of these refugees. On a News Facebook preview for TVNZ's Sunday programme, some commenters highlight a fear that all it takes is one or two of this quota to 'go rogue' drawing similarities to the 3 September attacks. Some commenters are still attributing this attack to failure by the Police and government, criticising their actions as 'favouring' criminals.⁵⁴ However there is balance between these comments and others highlighting disinformation. **Comment:** s.9(2)(g) OIA
- Comment ends.**
32. There continues to be negative commentary amongst issue motivated individuals stating that the Prime Minister and the government are attempting to reduce publicity around the 3 September attack. This commentary mostly centres on the government allowing SAMSUDEEN to remain in NZ rather than actively trying to deport him.^{55,56} There are criticisms that this is the third extremist that has threatened or attacked New Zealanders since Ardern has been Prime Minister. These comments also raise questions regarding the PM letting people into NZ with violent religious beliefs to 'destroy' NZ. One individual has called for the PM to be 'tried and executed for treason'. This was posted by s.9(2)(a) OIA of (WMN). shows anti-police sentiment on his Facebook page.⁵⁸ has mostly historic offences with his most recent in 2002 (). **Comment:** s.6(c) OIA **Comment ends.**
33. Facebook disinformation site 'The BFD' recently shared a YouTube video where controversial right-wing blogger **Cameron SLATER**⁵⁹ of Arkles Bay (WMN) discusses the LynnMall terror attack.⁶⁰ In this video SLATER criticises the government on their inaction towards SAMSUDEEN, as well as blaming immigration from Islamic countries towards contributing to attacks like those on 3 September. **Comment:** As of 1700hrs on 12 September, the post has had limited engagement. SLATER also recently hit headlines for his role in spreading disinformation relating to Siouxsie WILES which has been picked up by numerous conspiracy groups. It is possible SLATER will continue to publicly voice opinions on topical matters which may add to conspiracy theorist engagement across social media. **Comment ends.**
34. A Newshub article stating how many people with 'extremist views' in the community are being monitored garnered significant public attention.⁶¹ Public sentiment varied from some calling out the media for scaremongering with others wanting the extremists 'kicked out' or criticising the government for allowing those extremists that are immigrants to enter New Zealand.

⁵¹ [REDACTED]

⁵² Facebook (2021) Retrieved on 13 September 2021 from <https://www.facebook.com/SundayTVNZ>

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⁵⁴ Facebook (2021) retrieved 12 September from <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=129459682669088>

⁵⁵ Facebook (2021) Retrieved 12 September from <https://www.facebook.com/groups/406030170125374>

⁵⁶ Facebook (2021) Retrieved 12 September <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=129459682669088>

⁵⁷ s.9(2)(a) OIA

⁵⁸ Facebook (2021) retrieved 12 September from <https://www.facebook.com/brent.mason.184>

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⁶⁰ YouTube (2021). Retrieved 12 September from <https://www.facebook.com/TheBFD.NZ/posts/817013402313071>

⁶¹ Facebook (2021). Retrieved 11 September 2021 from <https://www.facebook.com/NewshubNZ/posts/10160170524253606>

35. An article “*Did we find a terrorist? Or create one?*” was published on Stuff on 11 September 2021. While the article acknowledges the assertion, the government did everything within its power to deport or detain SAMSUDEEN, the question is asked whether every avenue was explored to rehabilitate him. [Majority of comments on the post are supportive of the idea of rehabilitation, however there are a few comments with Anti-Muslim sentiment, including one commenter who sees the post as blaming white people for allowing the male to become a terrorist.](#)⁶² **Comment:** s.9(2)(g) OIA

Comment ends.⁶³

36. On 8 September, a POI from **s.6(c) OIA** (WME) was arrested in relation to Operation **[REDACTED]**⁶⁴. On 10 September, an online news article headlined *Auckland teenager has appeared in court charged with threatening to kill non-Muslims* generated anti-Muslim sentiment and public concerns of copycat or lone wolf attacks in future.⁶⁵ There were also concerns about potential attacks that could have occurred within the two month time period since the threats were made. The article sparked further online criticism of Police and government handling of the LynnMall attack offender. **Comment:** s.9(2)(g) OIA

[Next appearance is North Shore District Court 14 September 2021.](#) **Comment ends.**

Muslim Community Sentiment

37. Islamic organisations and Muslims within the community have issued statements condemning the act of terror.⁶⁶ **Comment:** Some comments in reaction to this are anti-Muslim and anti-Islam. There also continues to be comments saying the Qu’ran directs followers to kill non-believers.⁶⁷ **Comment ends.**

38. [Muslim women are still apprehensive about being in public, however those that have been courageous to go out have found a rather neutral response \(i.e. they were not targeted or abused\).](#)⁶⁸ This is believed to be because of Alert Level 4 (AL4) restrictions and there are limited people about. Some stories from other parts of the country like Hamilton have emerged, of Muslim women being subject to verbal abuse and spitting, which is increasing the nervousness of Muslim families in Auckland once they come out of AL4.⁶⁹

39. Prior to AL4, the Masjid e Bilal Mosque, 7 Waikaukau Rd, Glen Eden (WMW) was due to have a range of security features installed, including CCTV, as part of the Community Safety Fund. MBIE has now provided the Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (FIANZ) with an exemption to commence work at the mosque from Monday, 13 September 2021. **Comment:** s.9(2)(g) OIA

Ethnic Community Sentiment

40. As a result of the LynnMall attack ethnic communities have reportedly been negatively targeted, either online or directly, with some members of the public associating the offender with the wider community. The Police Hate Crime Quality Assurance Team have confirmed a spike in hate crime against ethnic communities in TM

⁶² [Twitter \(2021\) Retrieved 13 September from https://twitter.com/jehancasinader/status/1436430937248567298](https://twitter.com/jehancasinader/status/1436430937248567298)

⁶³ [REDACTED]

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⁶⁵ New Zealand Herald (2021) *Auckland teenager in court charged with threatening to kill non-Muslims* Retrieved 10 September 2021 from <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/auckland-teenager-in-court-charged-with-threatening-to-kill-non-muslims/BJX2XDBTIVNE34DTWTS5BMMKOU/>

⁶⁶ TM Ethnic Relations Officer, email communication, 4 September 2021, Facebook (2021). [Voices of Islam](#) retrieved 7 September 2021 from <https://www.facebook.com/voiceofislamNZ/posts/4210198629029239>

⁶⁷ Ibid.

⁶⁸ Ethnic Relations Officer, email communication, 12 September 2021 1420hrs

⁶⁹ Ethnic Relations Officer, email communication, 12 September 2021 1420hrs

⁷⁰ s.9(2)(a) OIA

post the attack.⁷¹ There have been 47 flagged records in TM, of which 43 were correctly flagged for hate. Of these, 13 were incidents, and 30 were offences. Usually, South Asian is the race that is predominantly targeted in TM. In the five-day period following the attack there has been an increase in the proportion of reports where South Asian people are being targeted. There have not been any reports of assault targeting South Asian or Middle Eastern ethnicities or Muslim religious identity during this period. Online hate reports (around 12 seen in the five-day period) indicate people from the Islamic faith and/or Muslims are significantly targeted. The volume of reported online hate to Police is low given the proliferation of hateful commentary being expressed within communities since the attack.⁷²

41. An article posted on New Zealand Herald on 12 September 2021, discusses how minorities of multiple ethnicities, including Sri Lankans and Pakistani are feeling afraid to be in public after the attack.⁷³ The article reads that 'many ethnic communities, not just the Muslim community, are "freaking out" in terms of what the attack means for them and for the potential of retaliation towards migrants[sic].' Green MP Golriz Ghahraman raised concerns the Government may enact anti-refugee or anti-migrant laws in response to how difficult it was to deport SAMSUDEEN. There are currently no comments on the article. The article shared in a post on the NZ Herald Facebook page has one comment, that says no one is looking at minorities and to stop being paranoid.
42. Hate crime-related calls for service increased by 10 in TM the week of the LynnMall attack compared to weekly average of 33 calls in 2021. Calls that week peaked on 3 September (11) and 5 September (10), compared to the daily average of five calls in 2021. Calls this week have since decreased to below daily averages of three calls per day.
43. An analysis of calls received since 3 September (38) were conducted:
 - Most of the incidents were reported in ACD (47%, 18) followed by WMD (34%, 13) and CMD (18%, 7).
 - Most were of a racist nature (87%, 33) followed by anti-government, homophobic and gender related hate.
 - Six incidents directly referred to the LynnMall attack,⁷⁴ and two referred to the Christchurch mosque shooting.⁷⁵
 - Most of the identified victims (27) were Indian males (26%, 7) and the rest were of Pacific, Māori, Indian (female), Middle Eastern and Asian ethnicity. In some cases, there were no specific victims as the hate was either online, or in the form of graffiti or anti-government posters etc.
 - Most of the identified offenders (31) were European males (29%, 9) and Māori males (29%, 9) and the rest were of Pacific, Indian, Māori (female) and Asian ethnicity.
 - Most of the reported hate was verbal (66%, 25), the rest were graffiti (Swastika)⁷⁶, tagging (mosque)⁷⁷, poster (anti-PM)⁷⁸, sign (anti-PM)⁷⁹, physical (2)⁸⁰, online (anti-Muslim)⁸¹, text⁸² and mail⁸³.
 - Most of the incidents occurred in residential locations (29%, 11), followed by public places including supermarkets (4), petrol stations, transport hubs, dairies, hospital and shared accommodation facilities. The rest were online (4), text (1) and to Comms operators (2).
 - Most of the abuse or hate was stranger-related (61%, 21).

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⁷³ NZ Herald (2021). Retrieved 13 September 2021 <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/i-feel-apologetic-for-the-crime-we-didnt-commit-says-a-kiwi-sri-lankan-after-terror-attack/ZYEP4TTPPXQJMEHBXWOS6LQKVI/>

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- Physical threats were made to harm or kill the victim in 42 percent of incidents (16).
44. The **s.6(d) OIA** community are upset and frustrated with the media reporting that SAMSUDEEN is a **[REDACTED]** Muslim⁸⁴, and that he and his father were attacked in Sri Lanka due to their political background in order to claim asylum in New Zealand.⁸⁵ Community members have requested that this misrepresentation be rectified as to avoid hateful vengeance.⁸⁶ **Comment: s.9(2)(g) OIA**
[REDACTED] **Comment ends.**
45. The **s.6(d) OIA** community are concerned that members of the public may associate them with the offender's ideology.⁸⁷ They are also worried about being confronted, especially when public gatherings will be allowed under AL2 conditions. The community are therefore considering holding off on future gatherings. The **[REDACTED]** community leaders feel there is more focus on the Muslim community and not enough on the **[REDACTED]** community.⁸⁸ **An updated executive summary by the [REDACTED] group [REDACTED] has been provided to TM Ethnic Services. The article outlines the feelings from the [REDACTED] community about the wording and narrative in the media and the impact of this on their community since the New Lynn attack. The common themes highlighted include feelings of shame and sadness, unfair portrayal of the [REDACTED] community which has heightened fears of discrimination and feeling the media reporting and labelling disregarded the effect this might have on the [REDACTED] community.**⁸⁹ **Recommendation.** Police continue to prioritise reassurance activities amongst the **[REDACTED]** community. **Recommendation ends.**

Government / Police Sentiment

46. Public sentiment towards Police was positive when a New Zealand Police post was shared on the Henderson, Auckland NZL public Facebook page on 8 September.⁹⁰ The post was a recovery update of three victims of the LynnMall attack, and comments on the post were positive, all relating to the recovery and healing of all those affected by the terrorist attack. It is *possible* public sentiment towards Police may change given the recent media article stating the offender's bail was not opposed by Police after he was charged with assault last year. Public sentiment towards this article on Twitter indicates mistrust for the Government and Prime Minister.⁹¹ As of 11 September, public sentiment towards Police remains mostly positive across Facebook.
47. On 9 September 2021, VJM Publishing shared an article discussing the Government allowing mass Muslim and African Immigration, and why they would not deport terrorists like SAMSUDEEN.⁹² The article alleges Muslims and Africans are violent, low-IQ cultures and commit an enormous amount of violence and sex crimes wherever they go. The article alleges that such immigration results in fear and poverty in society which allows them more control. It finishes by arguing that diversity is not good for New Zealanders. The post has 16 reacts, most of which seem to be in support, and five shares. However, two of three comments on the post are not in support.
48. Social media commentary indicates there is anger towards the government **s.9(2)(a) OIA**
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]⁹⁴ There is significant criticism regarding the current terrorism laws and how the government has 'failed' to give Police and other agencies the powers to prevent 'lone wolf' terror attacks. **Comment: s.9(2)(g) OIA**
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] **Comments ends.**

⁸⁴ **[REDACTED]**.

⁸⁵ TM Ethnic Responsiveness Manager, email communication, 6 September 2021 1543hrs

⁸⁶ TM Ethnic Responsiveness Manager, personal communication, 8 September 2021 1445hrs

⁸⁷ **[REDACTED]**

⁸⁸ TM Ethnic Responsiveness Manager, personal communication, 8 September 2021 1445hrs

⁸⁹ [TM Ethnic Responsiveness Manager, personal communication, 12 September 2021 1420hrs](#)

⁹⁰ TM Intelligence Support Officer, personal communication, 8 September 1506hrs

⁹¹ Twitter (2021). NZStuff retrieved 9 September 2021 from <https://twitter.com/NZStuff/status/1435736726752796674>

⁹² Facebook (2021). Retrieved 11 September 2021 from <https://www.facebook.com/VjmPublishing/posts/4203817943037893>

⁹³ **s.9(2)(a) OIA**

⁹⁴ Twitter (2021) <https://twitter.com/ryanator109/status/1433682330598526977> and https://twitter.com/Alt_Rebel/status/1433929752830627842

National Security Persons of Interest

49. The list of NATSEC POIs who were assessed as presenting an elevated risk of reaction to the 3 September attack plateaued at **s.6(c) OIA** as of 10 September 2021. [redacted] of these are in TM. **Comment:** [redacted]

[redacted] **Comment ends.** Of the list of NATSEC POIs, ⁹⁵ [redacted] have now been addressed to the point of mitigating any immediate concern ([redacted]). The remaining cases are under active consideration by district Police staff, Open Source Intelligence Team (OSINT), National Security Investigations Team (NSIT) and Security Intelligence Threats Group (SITG), along with valuable support from partner agencies.⁹⁶

50. Since the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan in August 2021, the group has attempted to sanitise their image on social media, with spokespeople claiming the Taliban has reformed since their previous rule of Afghanistan in the 1990s. **Comment:** **s.9(2)(g) OIA** [redacted]

[redacted] **Comment ends.**⁹⁷

51. There are ^{s.6(c) OIA} National Security POIs in TM who are assessed as MEDIUM threat.⁹⁸ These people are: **s.9(2)(a) OIA**⁹⁹ of [redacted], Counties Manukau South Area (CMS) and [redacted]¹⁰⁰ of [redacted], Waitemata West Area (WMW).

- Police are yet to confirm a date to meet with [redacted] and his father.¹⁰¹
- Police spoke to [redacted] on 9 September.¹⁰² [redacted] stated he is Muslim, but he has not gone to mosque since the Christchurch incident due to safety concerns. He has no particular interest in the LynnMall terror attack and did not speak openly about his religious views. He plans to return to [redacted] where his parents and siblings are as soon as possible but is worried that the social welfare system in [redacted] is not as good as it is in New Zealand. A follow up visit is scheduled for 13 September.¹⁰³ **Comment ends.**

52. On 8 September, a POI from **s.6(c) OIA** (WME) was arrested in relation to Operation [redacted]¹⁰⁴. The POI was the subject of an investigation after espousing violent and extremist views in support of the terrorist group Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) online. Immediately following the 3 September attack the POI's behaviour intensified in support of the offender, however, there are no identified connections between the POI and the offender of the attack.¹⁰⁵ It has been assessed the POI has **s.9(2)(a) OIA** and is easily influenced by subject matter that fascinates him or he gets fixated on. The offender appeared in court on [redacted] and was remanded in custody until **his next appearance on** [redacted], with a further appearance on [redacted]. Name and offence detail suppression orders remain in place.¹⁰⁶

Comment: **s.9(2)(g) OIA** [redacted]

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101 Field Crime Manager, Waitemata District, email communication, 9 September 2021 1615hr
102 Field Crime Manager, Waitemata District, email communication, 9 September 2021 1615hrs
103 Field Crime Manager, Waitemata District, email communication, 10 September 2021 1537hrs

104 [redacted]

105 [redacted]

106 Field Crime Manager, Waitemata District, email communication, 9 September 2021 1615hrs

107 s.9(2)(g) OIA [redacted] **Comment ends.**

Other Persons of Interest

53. On 4 September at 1209hrs, s.9(2)(a) OIA¹⁰⁸ of [redacted] (CMS) went live on Facebook¹⁰⁹. [redacted] made negative remarks towards the government and how they allowed SAMSUDEEN to remain in New Zealand as well as anti-Islamic sentiment. [redacted] also criticised the PM for allowing Muslim immigrants into the country. **Comment:** The video now appears to have been removed from [redacted] Facebook page. Most of the comments agree with [redacted] views, with some commenters posting anti-Islamic sentiment.¹¹⁰ s.9(2)(g) OIA

[redacted] **Comment ends.** On 9 September, s.9(2)(a) OIA posted anti-government sentiments on his Facebook page alleging that the government is tampering with our Bill of Rights by requiring us to take the vaccine for travel and employment purposes.¹¹¹ He then called for the government to be abolished, removed or replaced. [redacted] to take place on [redacted] to be held on [redacted] Auckland Area (CAA).¹¹²

54. [redacted] who is likely [redacted]¹¹³ of [redacted], Counties Manukau South Area (CMS) commented on [redacted] protest post. The first comment mentions bringing a bow and arrow to the protest, [redacted]. On a recent video about standing up to the Government during the protest over a loss of freedoms, he commented 'let's go to war.' **Comment:** His Facebook page shows anti-Government and anti-lockdown sentiment from the 2020 lockdown. [redacted] has historic charges ([redacted]) for [redacted]. His most recent conviction is from [redacted] for [redacted]. In [redacted] he was the offender in a [redacted] incident after consuming [redacted] and [redacted]. There is no indication [redacted] has access to weapons. s.9(2)(g) OIA **Comment ends.**

Issue Motivated Groups / Persons

55. Posts within activist groups regarding the attack have almost completely ceased. These groups have resumed speaking on their usual topics.¹¹⁴

56. On 11 September, a male believed to be s.9(2)(a) OIA of no fixed abode, posted on the Facebook group [redacted]¹¹⁵ negative sentiment towards the Prime Minister stating "this is the third extremist who has threatened or attacked kiwis in the name of religion since Jacinda Adern became Prime Minister" and "Jacinda Adern's role in letting people with violent religious beliefs settle in NZ is being questioned again." As of 0732hrs on 12 September, there have been 98 comments, 69 reacts and 15 shares on the post. Most of the commenters agree with what [redacted] has posted. **Comment:** s.9(2)(g) OIA [redacted] The Facebook group are against the current Labour Government for what they believe are trying to limit the public's freedom of expression by defining hate speech. Most of the posts relate to anti-Government and anti-vaccination sentiment. **Comment ends. Recommendation. s.6(c) OIA** [redacted] **Recommendation ends.**¹¹⁷

¹⁰⁷ New Zealand Herald (2021) *Auckland teenager in court charged with threatening to kill non-Muslims* Retrieved 10 September 2021 from <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/auckland-teenager-in-court-charged-with-threatening-to-kill-non-muslims/BJX2XDBTIVNE34DTWTS5BMMKOU/>

¹⁰⁸ [redacted]
¹⁰⁹ [redacted]
¹¹⁰ Relieving Field Crime Manager, personal communication, 5 September 1646hrs
¹¹¹ [redacted]

¹¹² IM Intelligence Officer, personal communication, 9 September 1721hrs

¹¹³ [redacted]
¹¹⁴ [redacted]
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¹¹⁷ [redacted]

57. s.9(2) OIA [REDACTED]¹¹⁸ of [REDACTED] City East Area (CEA) has been identified as YouTube user [REDACTED] who is linked to far right, anti-Muslim YouTube and BitChute channels. His most recent YouTube video¹¹⁹ states the need to reject multiculturalism as certain religions and cultures cannot coexist with others. Comments on the post are mostly in support of this sentiment, with one unidentified commenter saying terrorists were not extremists, and just doing what the Qu'ran commanded. **Comment: s.6(c) OIA** [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] **Comment ends.**
58. The issue motivated group **Action Zealandia** (AZ) has used the 3 September attack to further their views on their Telegram page, calling for the remigration/mass deportation of 'these hostile peoples' [Muslims and non-Europeans] from New Zealand.¹²¹ AZ is an extreme right-wing group, believed to have been formed from the Dominion Movement, which shut down after the Christchurch terror attacks. AZ's core ideology is about 'protecting' New Zealand European identity against perceived threats from other ethnicities. This group have a history disseminating propaganda in highly visible locations throughout TM.¹²² As of 1800hrs on 10 September, nothing new has been posted on the group's Telegram page since 6 September.¹²³
59. Islamic State Watch, a blog site claiming to be an "anti-terrorism watchdog", posted on their website and Facebook group an article questioning whether Patrick GOWER motivated the LynnMall terrorist through his recent documentary. The blog draws on the fact the terrorist only targeted people of Caucasian ethnicity, stating GOWER's documentary was 'hateful' towards 'white Kiwis'.¹²⁴ The blog alleges the NZ media 'supported' the terrorist in his activities. s.9(2)(a) OIA [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] (WMW) is known to be the author behind Islamic State Watch.¹²⁶ **Comment:** On 11 September [REDACTED] wrote a memorial post in relation to the 9/11 attacks. He alleges students from the Massey University flight school were dancing cheering and singing in Arabic together in response to the attack.¹²⁷ As of 1400hrs on 11 September the post has 15 reacts and has been shared four times. **Comment ends.**

Reassurance

See Appendix One for a list of locations of mosques in TM.

See Appendix Two for maps of supermarket locations in TM.

60. As a result of the attack at LynnMall there is now a feeling of elevated risk amongst members of the community, specifically the Islamic community and those operating supermarkets. Supermarkets are being prioritised for reassurance engagement due to the potential for copycat behaviour and to provide these businesses with support. There is no current specific intelligence available to indicate a specific threat, but staff will need to remain vigilant for suspicious behaviour at mosques and supermarkets.¹²⁸
61. On 10 September, Countdown, New Lynn (WMW) which was the location of the terrorist attack, reopened to the public. Staff were posted to the store until closing for visible foot patrols and reassurance and received positive sentiment from the public.¹²⁹
62. Supermarkets and the public are still feeling the effects of the 3 September attack. A recent incident at 1153hrs on 9 September at New World Birkenhead (WME) caused distress when a male was seen in the

¹¹⁸ [REDACTED]
¹¹⁹ YouTube (2021) The West should never forget 9/11. Retrieved 12 September 2021 from [REDACTED]

¹²⁰ [REDACTED]
¹²¹ Telegram (2021). Action Zealandia retrieved 4 September 2021.

¹²² [REDACTED]
¹²³ TM Intelligence Officer, personal communication, 10 September 1840hrs

¹²⁴ Facebook (2021). Retrieved 10 September 0700hrs from <https://www.facebook.com/iswnz/>

¹²⁵ [REDACTED]
¹²⁶ Facebook (2021). Retrieved 10 September 0826hrs from [REDACTED]

¹²⁷ [REDACTED]
¹²⁸ [REDACTED]
¹²⁹ WMD Covid Reassurance Summary, 10 September 2021

store with a knife in his pocket.¹³⁰ It transpired the male used the knife to cut a bunch of bananas. **Comment:** The male acknowledged his mistake and has since been trespassed from New World. **Comment ends.**

63. Community reassurance across Waitemata District (WMD) is underway.¹³¹ Police staff are providing high visibility patrols in and around mosques or Islamic centres. Staff will also conduct high visibility patrols and engagement at locations where people gather, particularly supermarkets. Staff will not be generally armed and are reminded to use TENR. Engagement and reassurance by Police have been also been extended to the Sri Lankan community in TM.
64. Regular prevention patrols across TM mosques continue to be undertaken nothing suspicious or of note reported.¹³² Reassurance visits continue to be undertaken at ethnic businesses and places of worship by Ethnic Liaison Services with nothing of note to report.¹³³
65. National security procedures for mosques, synagogues, schools and childcare centres for Muslim and Jewish communities have been activated and Police are engaged with Islamic leaders.
66. NZ Police, in consultation with Ethnic Liaison Officers and the media team, have produced a video in 11 languages to address misinformation. [On 12 September, the video in English was posted on the NZ Police facebook page. A link to the 10 other videos in different languages was included and encouraged to be shared.](#)¹³⁴ **Comment.** As of 12 September, this video has mostly resulted in positive engagement with most comments showing widespread support for the victims of the attack and towards Police. There are some negative comments however these are in the minority. These comments mostly reference the government and Police 'lying' to the public about their knowledge of SAMSUDEEN and how they could have prevented this attack with one comment referring to this video as 'psychological manipulation'. **Comment ends.**

Policing Demand

67. Mental health (1M) incident reports increased by 16 in CMD, 13 in ACD and five in WMD compared to the 12-month weekly average. Attempted suicide (1X) incidents reported in TM have decreased by seven in comparison to the 12-month weekly average. However, for WMD, the number of 1X reports increased by 10 compared to the 12-month weekly average.¹³⁵ **Comment.** s.9(2)(g) OIA
 [REDACTED]
Comment ends.
Recommendation. There is an opportunity to liaise with social sector partners across TM to ensure support structures are in place and can respond to the challenges of these events. **Recommendation ends.**

¹³⁰ [REDACTED]

¹³¹ Operation RALLY (2021) Community Reassurance Waitemata Deployment Plan. New Zealand Police.

¹³² CMC EOSR 8 September 2021

¹³³ WMD COVID Ethnic Services Summary, 9 September 2021

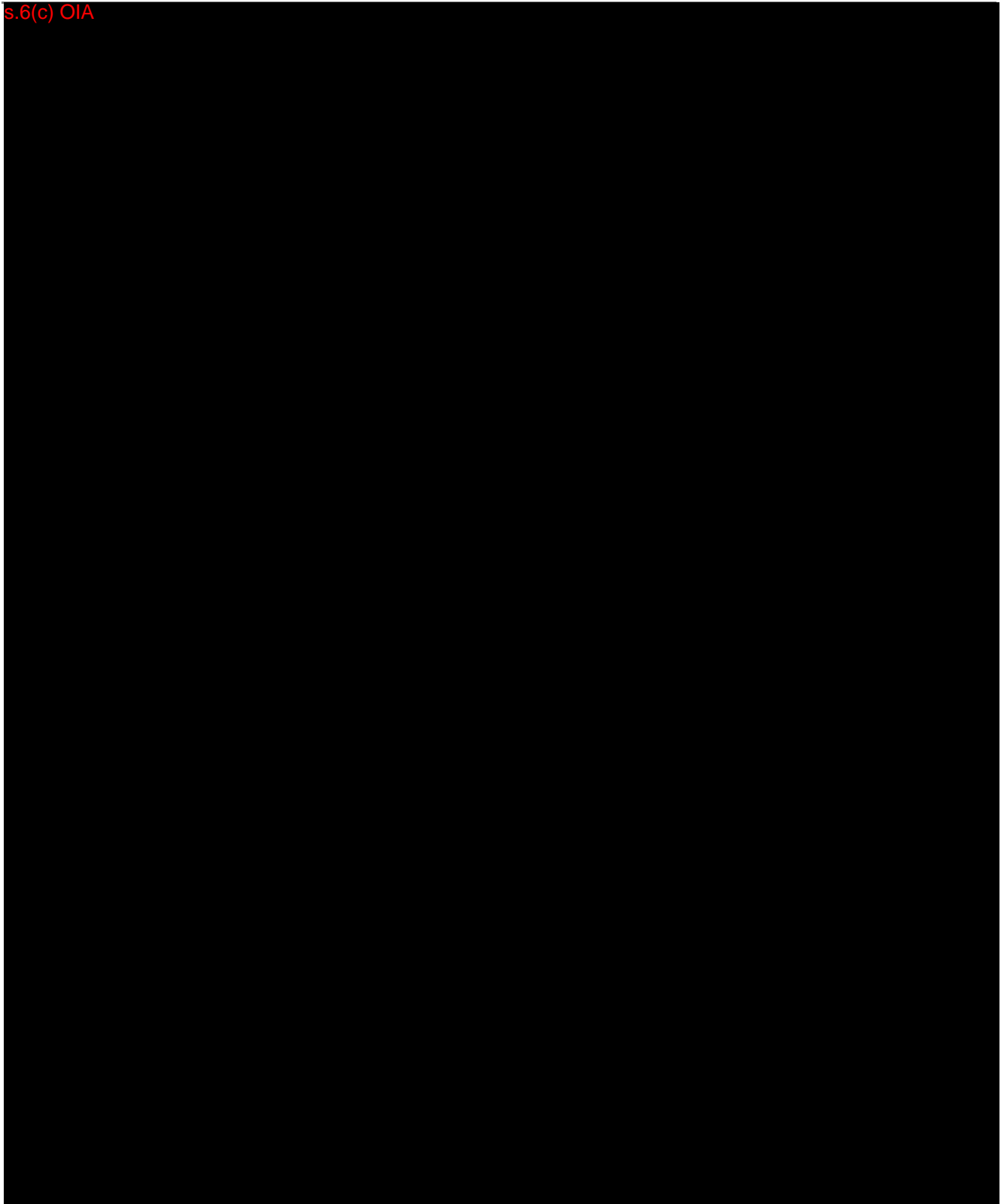
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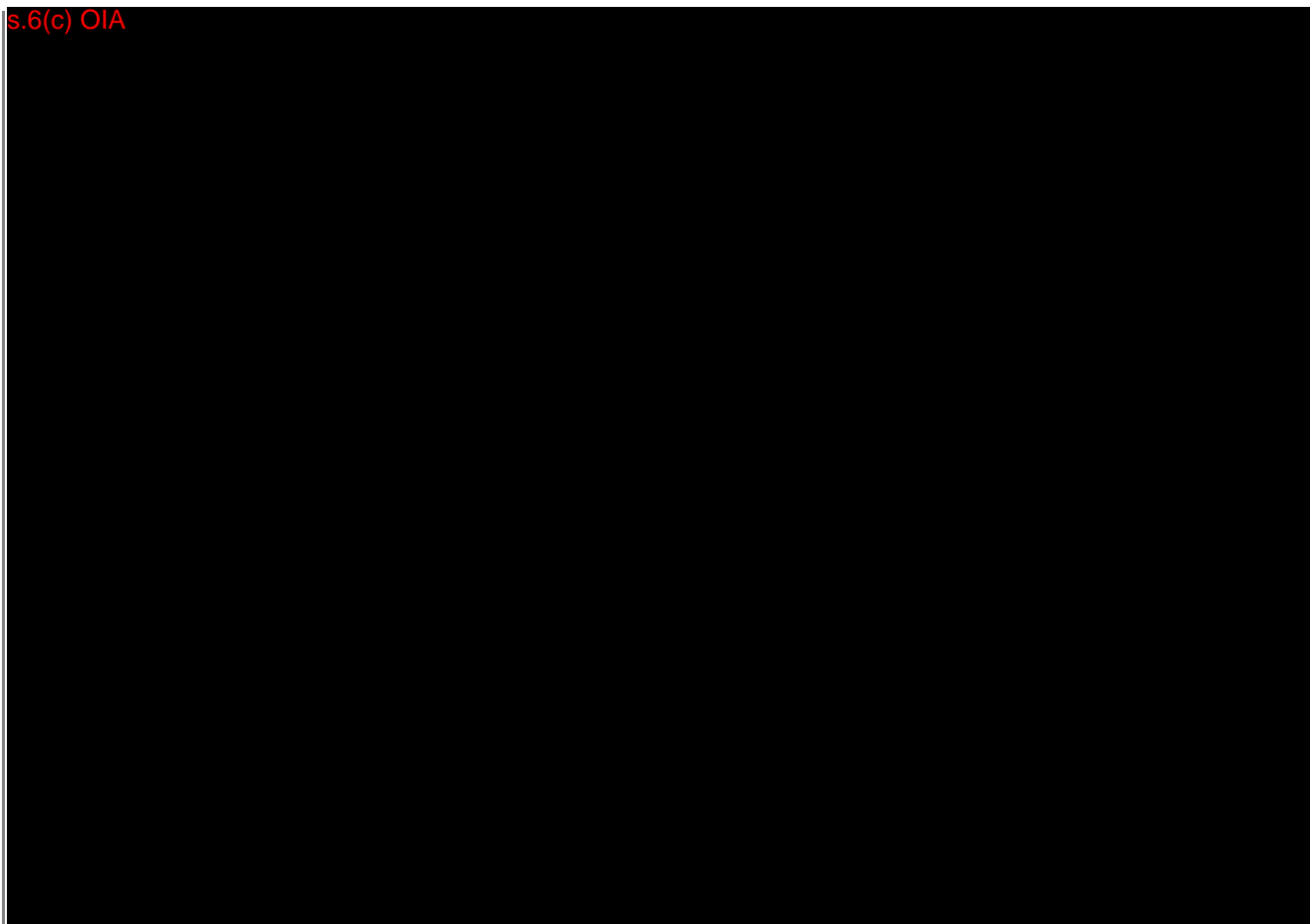
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Tāmaki Makaurau Places of Worship

s.6(c) OIA

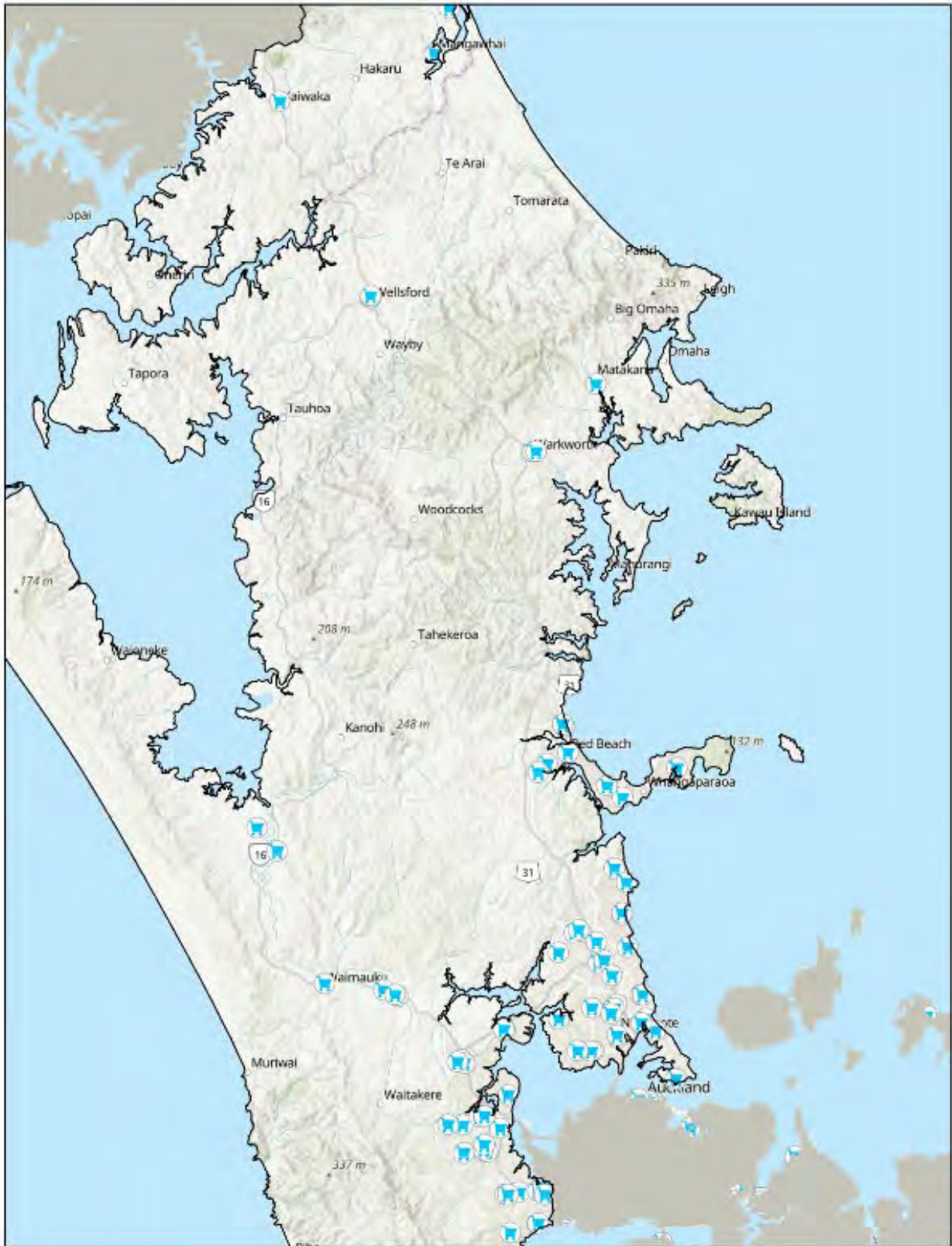


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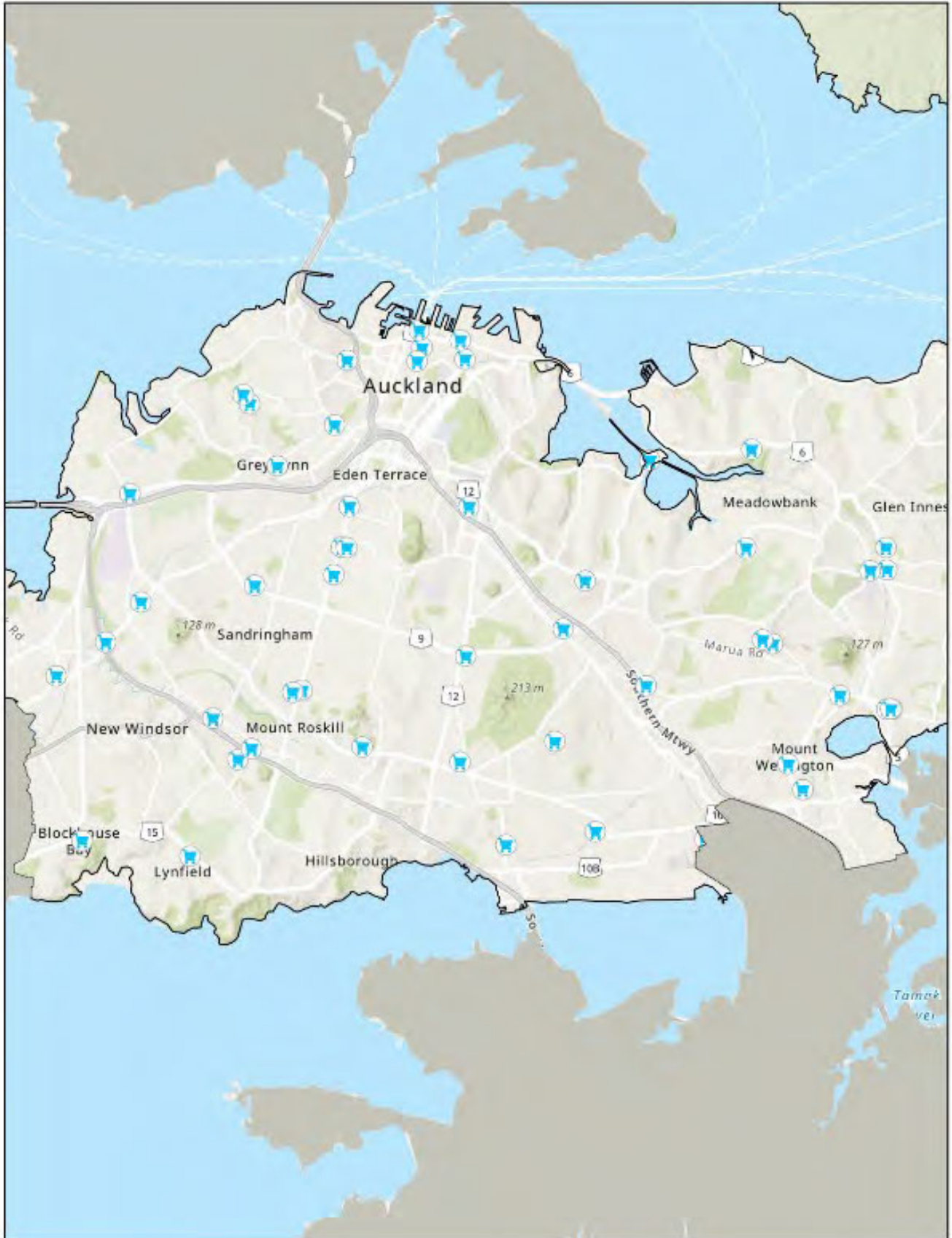


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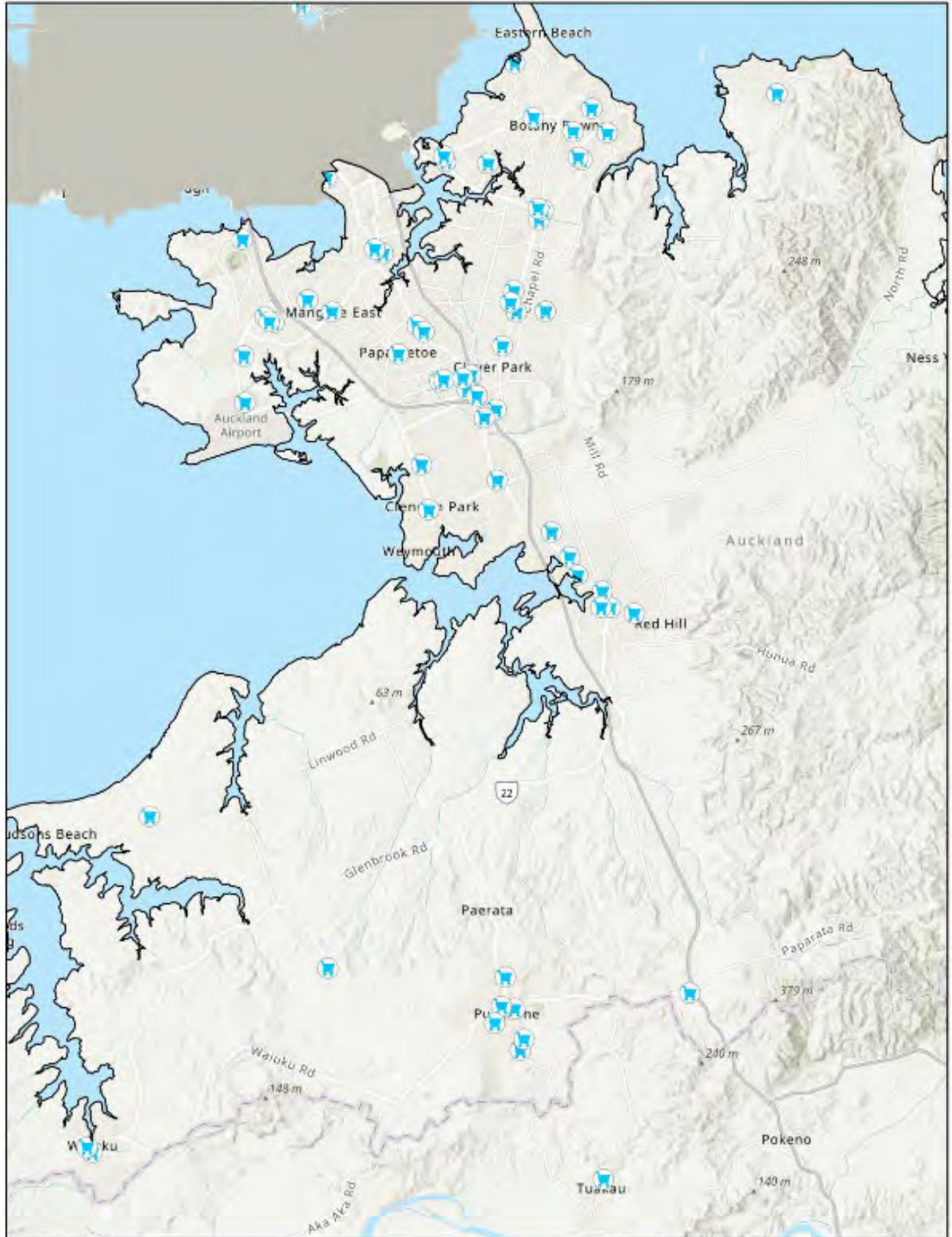
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Auckland City District Supermarket Locations



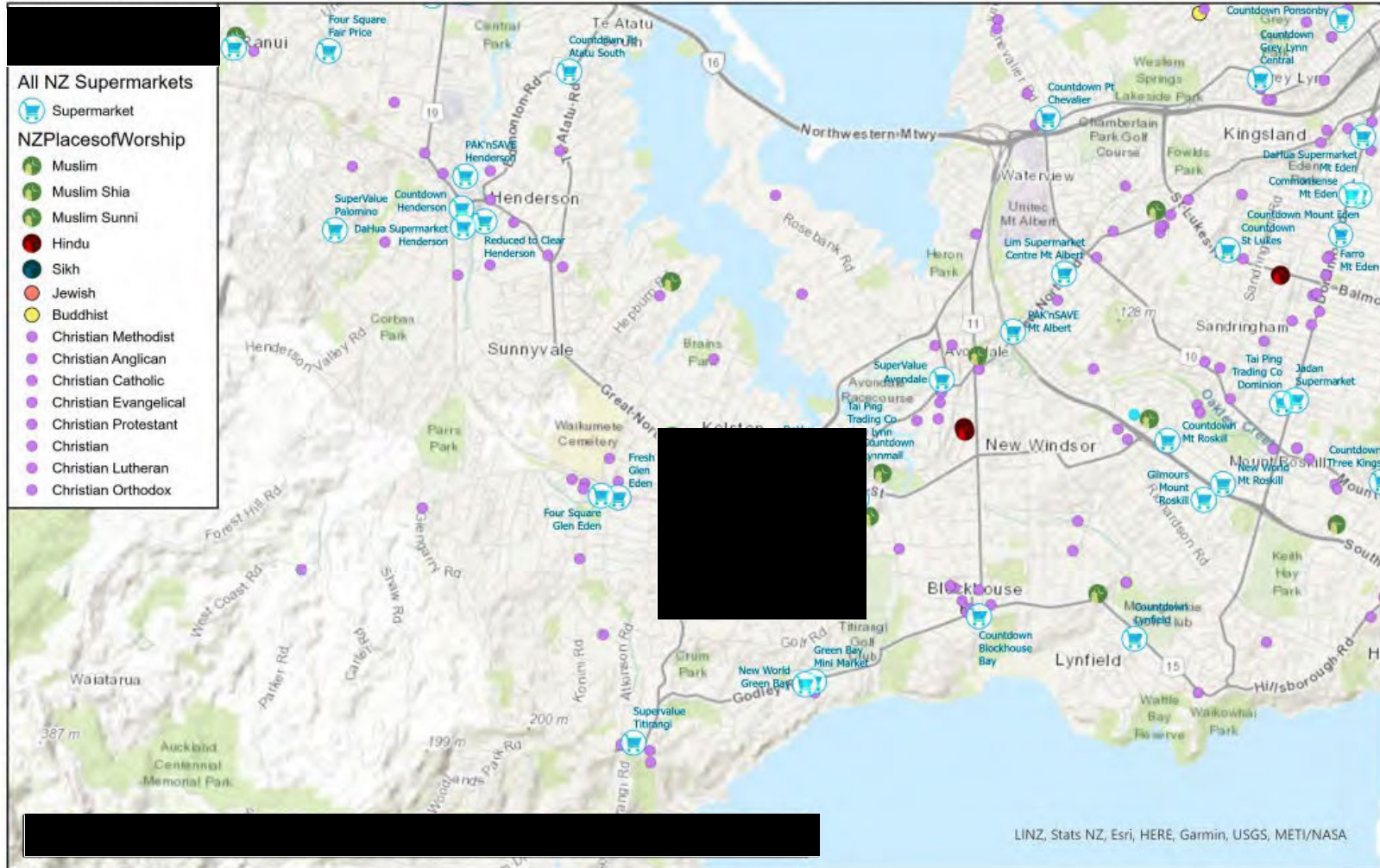
Counties Manukau District Supermarket Locations



Home Address of s.9(2)(a) OIA in relation to Supermarkets and Places of Worship



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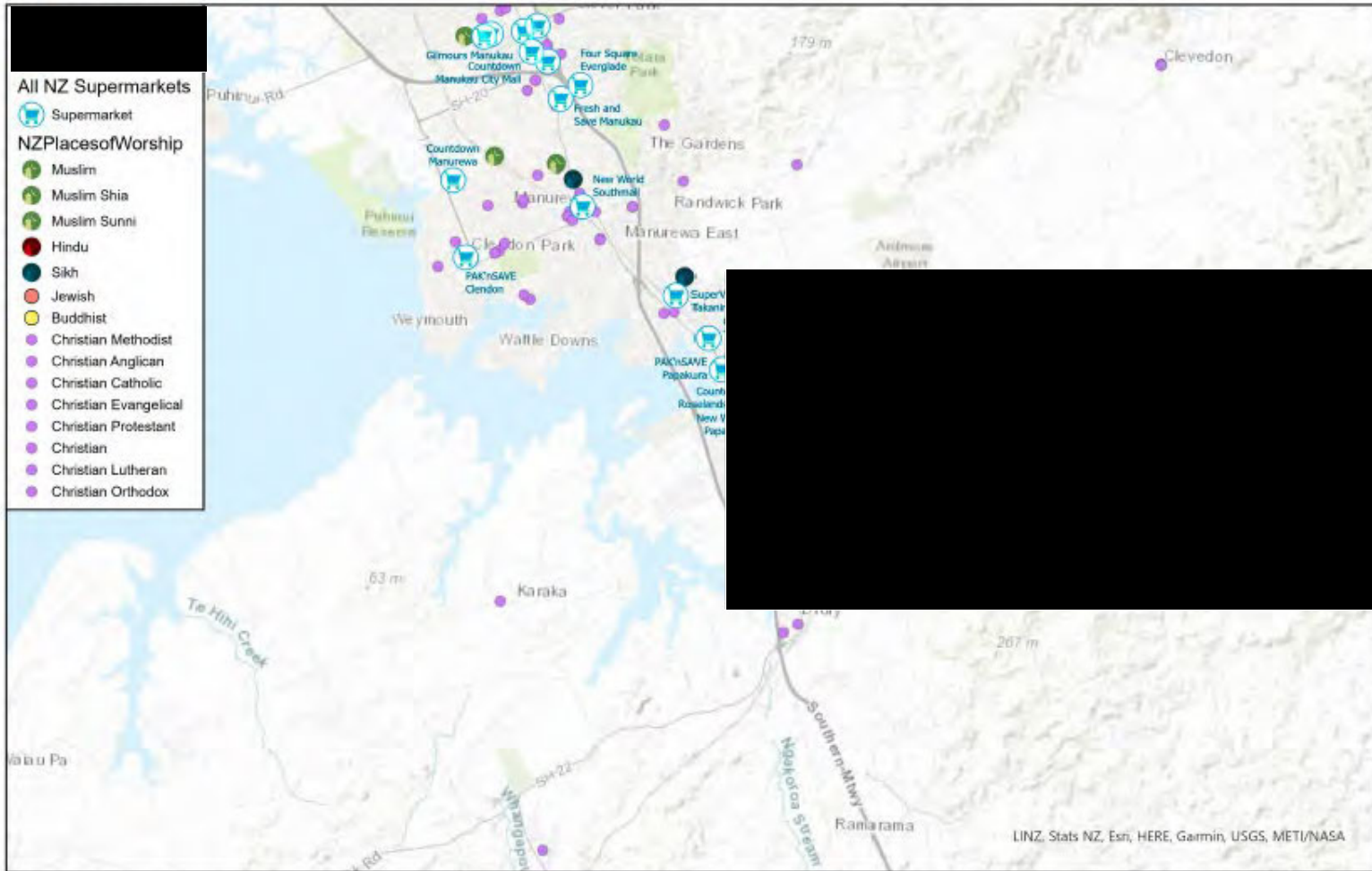
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POI Counties Manukau



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Team,

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Morning all,

Just read the latest INTSUM which referred to the BFD as a “disinformation site” and it got me thinking about if it technically is. I haven’t properly evaluated the site, but I thought I would share some stuff from First Draft News with you about “information disorder” as it is good for us all to keep in mind when evaluating open sources. I have also attached a guide on evaluating open source we received from the Police College during the 2I course and a template of the Canadian Checklist for Evaluating Internet Sources.

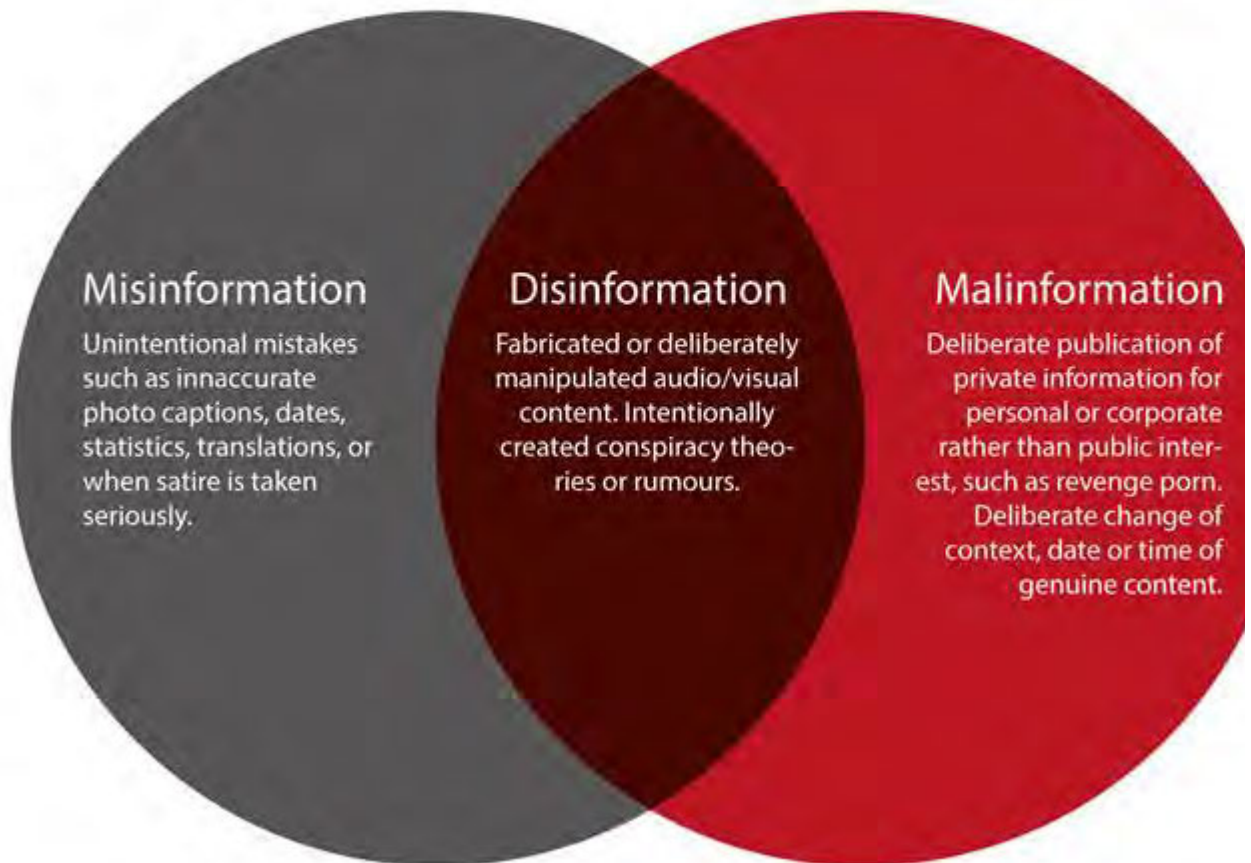
The below longform article is also attached in a PDF form if you wish to print it.

<https://firstdraftnews.org/long-form-article/understanding-information-disorder/>

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Cheers,

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Hi [REDACTED]

Further to Dan's email around today's IntSum we have attempted to provide this additional context to support the point made. Interested in your thoughts.

I spoke with Dan and he was very keen to make sure we had context there to support what we are saying and to provide balance. Let me know what you think.

1. [NIC-INTSUM-210914](#) highlighted the Facebook page 'The BFD' which recently shared a YouTube video where blogger Cameron SLATER^[1] of Waitemata District discusses the 03 September attack.^[2] **Comment.** For additional context the [BFD](#) is a 'centre-right political viewpoint, with constant analysis and commentary of political events.' Analysis of the site indicates reporting largely relates to current events, particularly COVID-19 and the 03 September attack. Reporting often publishes opinion-based articles, some of which air in the first person. There is evidence suggesting the site publishes content that has been fabricated. One example being Dr Siouxsie WILES being depicted with a 'pinocchio nose' and being referred to as 'Hypocrite of the Year' (referencing her 2021 KiwiBank New Zealander of the Year). In addition, it would appear this site also publishes some validated content that has appeared on other mainstream media site. **Comment End.**

Cheers

[REDACTED]

[1] PRN: 13350555, Male, DOB: 20/06/1970

[2] YouTube (2021). Retrieved 12 September from <https://www.facebook.com/TheBFD.NZ/posts/817013402313071>

[DOCUMENT 6]

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Hi s.9(2)(g) OIA

Can I please refer you to today's TM Intel IntSum where various people are mentioned posting online.

I would like a brief rundown (social media holdings/ NIA) on these named people so I can advance these enquires with DI VICKERS who will pass these out to district.

They are:

Out of scope [REDACTED]

Paragraph 33. SLATER/ Cameron of Arkle Bay – right wing blogger – racist / anti govt

Out of scope [REDACTED]

If we can get these looked at as soon as you can please and send back to me.

Cheers,

Senior Sergeant s.9(2)(g) OIA

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From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Cameron SLATER
Date: Tuesday, 14 September 2021 12:28:05 PM

Absolutely Not unless you wanna end up on the front page

Kevin McNAUGHTON

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From: [Redacted]@police.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 14 September 2021 11:57 AM
To: [Redacted]@police.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Cameron SLATER

FYI. Personally I don't see any reason to speak to Slater. He's not a POI, just a blogger.

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, 14 September 2021 11:46 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: TM_FIC <TM_FIC@police.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] [@police.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@police.govt.nz)>

Subject: FW: Cameron SLATER

Hi [REDACTED]

This one involves SLATER – who is a well-known blogger and political commentator – who has posted some possibility controversial racist comments on the LynnMall attack and attacker.

I am not sure if this warrants a visit as lives for the limelight and loves controversy, and his blog runs on comments on a wide range of unrelated topics not just the LynnMall attack.

I will leave this one up to you to decide where to from here.

For your information and consideration.

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From: [REDACTED] [police.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@police.govt.nz)>

Sent: Tuesday, 14 September 2021 11:22 AM

To: [REDACTED] [police.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@police.govt.nz)>

Subject: Cameron SLATER

Person Id: 4634312564 Master PRN: 80517754

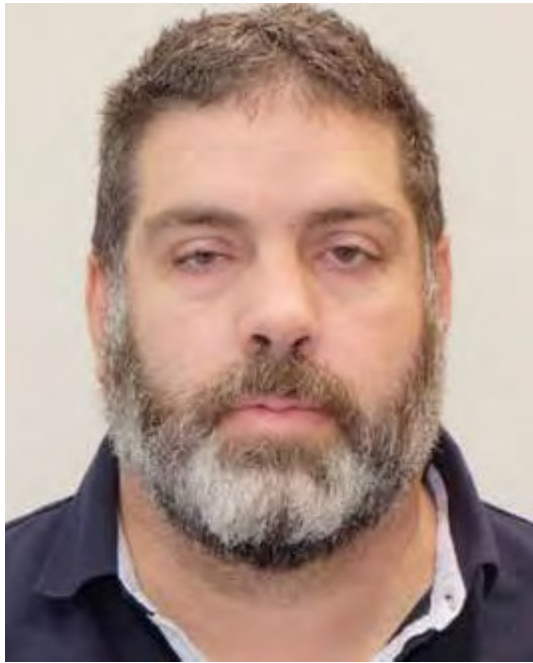
(Real) SLATER, CAMERON JOHN

(Home Address) FLAT 12, 4 ARKLES STRAND, ARKLES BAY, AUCKLAND 0932 (WMD)

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DOB/Age: 02/11/1968 (52yrs)

iFLIC: Y T0494386 A-Standard Current, Card Version #: 518



From the intsum

Facebook disinformation site 'The BFD' recently shared a YouTube video where controversial right-wing blogger Cameron SLATER of Arkles Bay (WMN) discusses the LynnMall terror attack. In this video SLATER criticises the government on their inaction towards SAMSUDEEN, as well as blaming immigration from Islamic countries towards contributing to attacks like those on 3 September. Comment: As of 1700hrs on 12 September, the post has had limited engagement. SLATER also recently hit headlines for his role in spreading disinformation relating to Siouxsie WILES which has been picked up by numerous conspiracy groups. It is possible SLATER will continue to publicly voice opinions on topical matters which may add to conspiracy theorist engagement across social media. Comment ends.

Summary

SLATER is a well-known right wing/conservative political commentator/blogger/journalist. His focus is on issues with the current Labour government, especially around lockdown rules. He was best known for his own blog, the now defunct Whale Oil blog but now writes articles for The BFD. The BFD describes itself as coming "from a centre-right political viewpoint, with constant analysis and commentary of political events".

He has been to court for defamation and breaching name suppression multiple times and publishes erroneous reports on his political opponents. His reporting on WILES is consistent with these past behaviours. It is likely that he will continue to publish uncorroborated information to denigrate labour party policies and individuals linked to them.

His claims in regards to the LynnMall terror attack are that "countries that have Islamic immigration, have terrorist attacks" (from the bfd video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-UGJWx-54Lo>) and that the Prime Minister is trying to hide SAMSUDEEN's ideology. <https://thebfd.co.nz/2021/09/06/the-destruction-of-the-myth-that-they-are-us/> While his claims do not present the full story with regards to the connection between Islam and Islamic terrorism, they are not particularly controversial. His commentary on the attack has consistently tried to claim it was the prime minister's responsibility.

SLATER is an A class flic firearms licence holder. In 2017 he had two hunting rifles and a shotgun (171220/7752).

An article from 2019 indicates that a stroke may have left Slater's right arm permanently paralysed as well affecting his vision. <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/whale-oil-blogger-cameron-slater-laid-low-by-serious-stroke/M3CVEYPO7SR4OAEINVFUMYLGZA/>

Ngā mihi,

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General
Op FIELD

Messages People (29) Content Schedule

Meet

Out of scope

You 15/09/2021, 8:46 AM
SLATER paragraph - Update add to the end [REDACTED] s.9(2)(g) OIA has decided no visit required.

Out of scope

Write a message to General

Shift+Enter for a new line

Out of scope



s.9(2)(g) OIA 14/09/2021, 8:38 AM

Is there an update to these numbers:
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s.9(2)(g) OIA 14/09/2021, 8:39 AM

as at now - 23 likes 3 shares

Reply to thread

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Write a message to General

SR

RHODES, Sonja 9/09/2021, 3:10 pm

A video is being shared around of Siouxsie WILES not wearing a mask and swimming with a reporter during level 4 lockdown. WILES is a microbiologist and bioluminescence associate professor at The University of Auckland and has been writing articles explaining why people need to abide by the lock down and wear masks. The POI's are running with this video because it goes against what she has been telling the public.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FwWs14QBQU>

<https://thespinoff.co.nz/society/31-08-2021/siouxsie-wiles-covid-is-different-this-time-our-level-four-lockdown-needs-to-be-too/>

SR

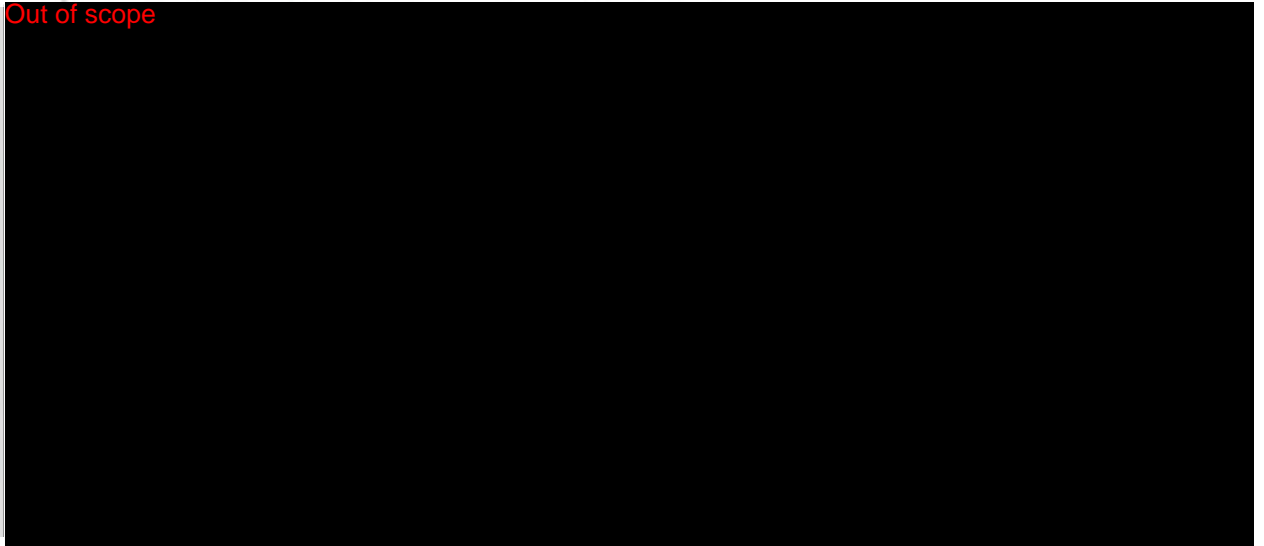
s.9(2)(g) OIA

9/09/2021, 3:12 pm

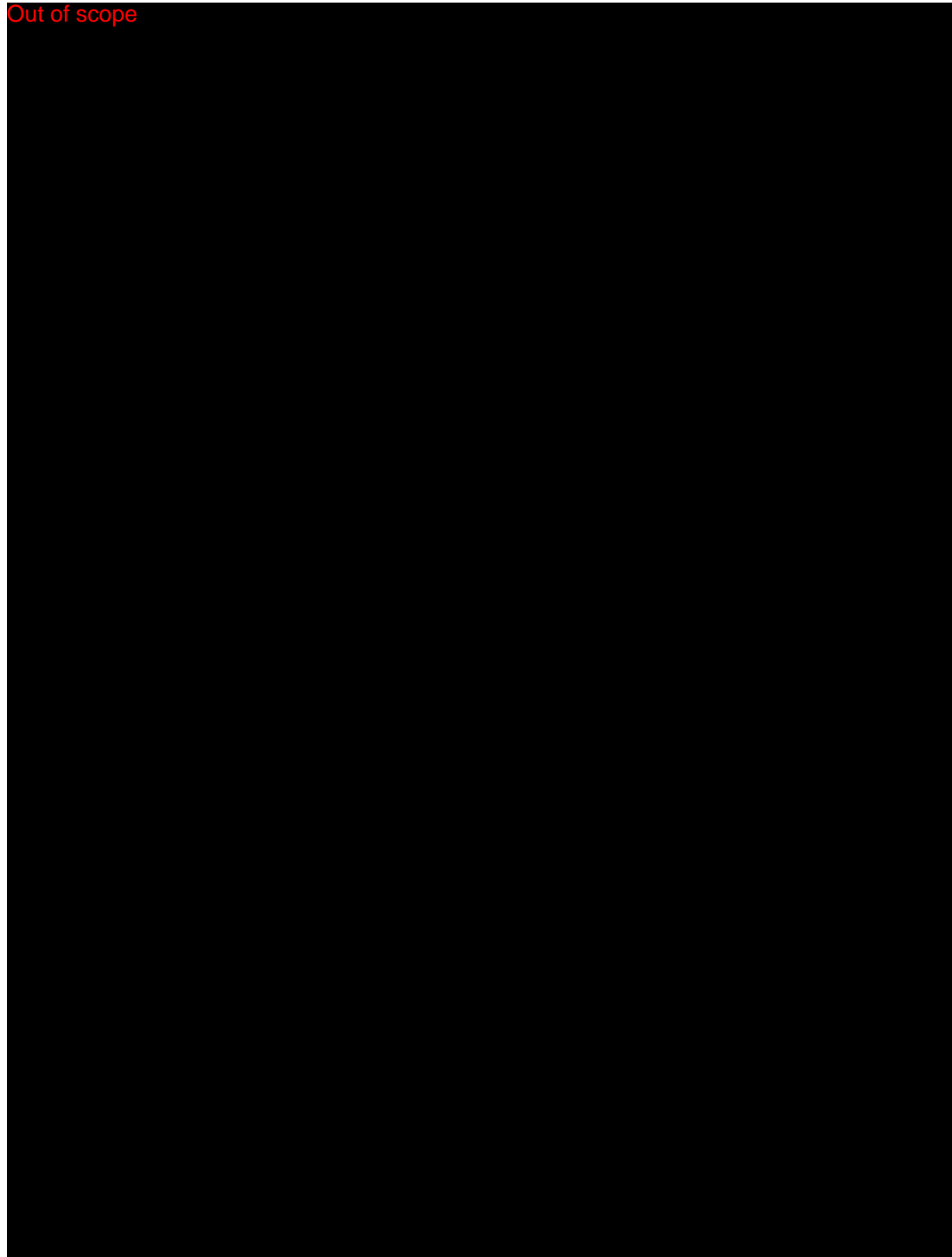


Here is a snippet of what the comments section is like

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s.9(2)(g) OIA

9/09/2021, 3:36 pm



Siouxsie Wiles responded to inquiries from *The BFD* explaining

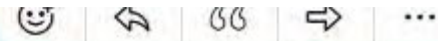
"I was with someone from my bubble, who lives in the area... Judges Bay is about 5km from my home which is pretty local when on a bicycle."



SS

s.9(2)(g) OIA

9/09/2021, 3:37 pm



unless it's a work bubble?

HV

s.9(2)(g) OIA

9/09/2021, 4:04 pm

two singles living apart can be a bubble

SS

s.9(2)(g) OIA

9/09/2021, 4:07 pm Edited

except Siouxsie is married 😏 dont know about the other one

AS

s.9(2)(g) OIA

9/09/2021, 4:08 pm

im suprised the BDF did not spin that into the story.....headlines "is Siouxsie's marriage in question during level 4 breaching?"

