

Copy of the section 15 orders issued on 4 April 2025

Section 15 Orders

13. Having made a decision not to publish the final Report in full and to instead publish a redacted version, I now make orders under section 15 of the Inquiries Act 2013 (the Act) to forbid publication of any of the following material (including extracts thereof):
- (a) The draft interim report
 - (b) The evidence and submissions presented in response to the draft interim report
 - (c) The interim report
 - (d) The draft final report for purpose of publication decision
 - (e) The final report, once issued
 - (f) The name or other particulars likely to lead to the identification of a witness or other person participating in the review unless that person is identified in the redacted version of the report published by the Commission.
14. These orders do not apply to:
- (a) documents that came into existence prior to the commencement of the review
 - (b) the redacted version of the final report, along with any summary, published by the Public Service Commission
15. For the avoidance of doubt, these orders do not prevent:
- (a) Fire and Emergency New Zealand board, the Chief Executive and any members of the executive leadership team who are authorised by the board or CE to have access) having access to the final unredacted report
 - (b) Reporting to Ministers as appropriate
 - (c) Sharing, on a confidential basis only, unredacted extracts of the final report that relate to them personally, with the individuals who participated in the natural justice process.
 - (d) Any person from being able to comment on their own experience of the matters that gave rise to the review, as long as there is no publication of the material referred to in paragraphs 13(a) to (f) above.