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Official Information Request
Our Ref: PSCR 2025-0469

I refer to your official information request received on 1 May 2025 for:

"Pursuant to s 12(1) of the Official Information Act 1982, please provide all documents regarding the Gloriavale Christian Community in the possession or control of the Public Service Commission, including all documents regarding the Trust and Christian Partners.

## Information being released

On 21 March 2024 the Commission received a media query referencing Gloriavale. The media outlet sought comment on this article from the Commission. In response the Commission spoke with the reporter and advised that the appropriate agency to contact regarding their query would be the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. The media article can be found at the following link: Less Govt oversight for Gloriavale community

## Information being withheld

The Commission has also had recent communications with Crown Law related to proceedings brought in the High Court that fall within scope of your request. We have decided to withhold these documents in full under the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) as applicable:

- Section 6(c) to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial
- section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of individuals
- section 9(2)(h) in order to maintain legal professional privilege

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact <a href="mailto:Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz">Enquiries@publicservice.govt.nz</a>.

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 <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

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