

**State Services Commission investigation into the conduct and behaviour
of the Retirement Commissioner**

**Minute 2
dated 8 April 2019**

Final orders in respect of publication and access under section 15 of the Inquiries Act 2013

Under section 15(1) of the Inquiries Act 2013 (**the Act**), having taken into account the matters in section 15(2) of the Act, the Inquiry makes the following **final orders 1 to 6 below**:

1. Suppressing the names of all interviewees and any other Retirement Commissioner current or former employees or contractors (and any particulars which may identify them) in the final report, for a period of 50 years from the date of this order. This order will not apply to Ms Diane Maxwell or Ms Julia Bockett, as their names have already been published in the public domain in relation to the alleged conduct and behaviour of the Retirement Commissioner, the subject of this investigation.
2. Suppressing the interview statements taken from all interviewees, including Ms Maxwell and Ms Julia Bockett, for a period of 50 years from the date of this order. This order includes all draft interview statements taken and checked by interviewees and all correspondence between the Inquiry and the interviewees relating to their interview statements or the report.
3. Suppressing all draft versions of the investigation report and any parties' submissions in relation to the draft report and all extracts of the draft report provided to the State Services Commission and participants for comment.
4. The orders 1, 2 and 3 above are necessary to protect the privacy interests of current and former employees of the Retirement Commissioner and other participants in the investigation. The orders reflect the need for this Inquiry (and future inquiries) to be able to respect participants' privacy interests and encourage the free and frank provision of opinions and evaluative material where there is no countervailing public interest. The public interest in disclosure of information and the sources of that information, has been met by the detailed discussion of the facts set out in the final report.
5. For the avoidance of doubt, in accordance with s32 of the Act, any documents that relate to the internal deliberations of the Inquiry and are created by a member of the Inquiry in the course of the investigation, or are provided to the Inquiry by any officers of the Inquiry, are suppressed.
6. The interim orders made in the Minute dated 20 December 2018, have now lapsed and are no longer of any effect, as at the date of this final order.

All other documents produced to the investigation, will be available to be requested in accordance with Official Information Act 1982, subject to the suppression orders 1 to 6 above.

Contact Information

Information about the investigation can be found on the States Services Commission website, www.ssc.govt.nz. Any media enquiries should be directed to Grahame Armstrong 021 940 457.

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