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**Sent:** Tuesday, 2 May 2023 2:53 pm  
**To:** [REDACTED]@stuff.co.nz  
**Subject:** Response: LGOIMA 2023-16 Media request: Sovereign citizens

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Kia ora [REDACTED]

### **LGOIMA 2023-16**

Thank you for your email request of 30 March 2023.

In response to your request for “... all correspondence received by your council staff and elected members from "sovereign citizens" since January 2020. This is including but not limited to LGOIMAs, emails, letters” CDC holds no records of Sovereign Citizen activity received by our council staff and elected members.

Ngā mihi



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**From:** LGOIMA Requests <lgoima@cdc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 April 2023 1:32 pm  
**To:** [REDACTED]@stuff.co.nz  
**Subject:** Acknowledgment: LGOIMA 2023-16 Media request: Sovereign citizens

Kia ora [REDACTED]

### **LGOIMA 2023-16**

Thank you for your email request of 30 March 2023 for the following information:

*“...to see all correspondence received by your council staff and elected members from "sovereign citizens" since January 2020. This is including but not limited to LGOIMAs, emails, letters.*

*If the above documentation doesn't cover this:*

- *how many ratepayers have refused to pay rates or abide by other council processes based on sovereign citizen ideals? What action have you taken regarding this?*
- *Please include any threats to your staff or elected members from sovereign citizens. How many of these have been referred to police?"*

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act (1987) (the Act). You can expect a reply no later than 2 May 2023, which is 20 working days from the date we received your request. The response date shown takes into account:

1. Good Friday (7 April 2023)
2. Easter Monday (10 April 2023)

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**From:** [REDACTED]@stuff.co.nz>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2023 2:45 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]@stuff.co.nz>

**Subject:** Media request: Sovereign citizens

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Kia ora,

I am a Stuff reporter looking into "sovereign citizens" (people who claim they are not subject to New Zealand laws). I am aware that at least one council has reported an increasing number of issues with/correspondence from this group.

I would like to see all correspondence received by your council staff and elected members from "sovereign citizens" since January 2020. This is including but not limited to LGOIMAs, emails, letters.

If the above documentation doesn't cover this:

- how many ratepayers have refused to pay rates or abide by other council processes based on sovereign citizen ideals? What action have you taken regarding this?
- Please include any threats to your staff or elected members from sovereign citizens. How many of these have been referred to police?

I understand if for privacy reasons names and details are redacted.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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