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Dear Brook,

Declared States of National Emergency (or equivalent) in the history of New Zealand

We are currently in the process of completing the fourth edition of our signature book *Nation Dates – Events that have shaped the Nation of New Zealand*. I am sure you will have an earlier edition in your office, the cover is bright orange. For this edition, we plan to include a chapter on all declared states of national emergency (or equivalent) in New Zealand's history.

We have attached a table which we are hoping one of your team might be able to complete. We have copied the details of the pandemic from the 'declared states of emergency since 2002' website page, found [here](#). However we have found it difficult to identify other states of national emergency on the 'historical emergencies' webpage, found [here](#) (e.g. when we searched 'national', the search result found 11 entries, but the oldest of these was 2018 and the search results did not identify situations when states of national emergency were 'declared').

Therefore, our information request is as follows:

Can you provide a list of all situations where the Government of New Zealand has declared a state of national emergency (or equivalent) and the legislation upon which the state of national emergency was authorised?

Please treat this request as a request under the Official Information Act 1992 (our reference is 2020/10). FYI: The Institute keeps a record of all OIA's and responses on our website, found [here](#).

Thank you in advance.

Kind regards



Wendy McGuinness
Chief Executive