



National Emergency Management Agency

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Dear Wendy

Official Information Act request relating to declared States of National Emergency

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 10 August 2020. You requested:

“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?”

There have been only two States of National Emergency declared by the New Zealand Government under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002. These applied in 2011 (23/02/2011 to 30/04/2011) for the Christchurch Earthquake and in 2020 (25/03/2020 to 13/05/2020) for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finally, for your information, this response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information, including name and contact details, will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

Chief Executive, National Emergency Management Agency