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Hon Tracy Martin,

Minister of Internal Affairs,

Parliament Building,

Wellington.

Dear Minister,

Re: Official Information Act Request.

From the article posted in the New Zealand Herald on the 15 August 2019, it is obvious you have absolutely no knowledge of New Zealand's true history. See true documented history in red below now hidden from the public by Government in New Zealand Archive's Repository (Storage).

Treaty faces move to new home: NZ Herald, 15 August 2019.

The Treaty of Waitangi, the Women's Suffrage Petition and New Zealand's other most important historical documents could be moved to a \$200 million new home, the Government has announced. *The Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Waitangi and the Women's Suffrage Petition are not New Zealand's most important documents and they were never authorised, drafted or approved by Queen Victoria or the British Parliament. In fact, Chief Justice Sir James Prendergast rule the Treaty of Waitangi, "A simple nullity" in 1877 and the Privy Council ruled in 1941, "If it was not in our legislation, then the Treaty of Waitangi was not legally binding".*

New Zealand's most important documents are,

1. The Royal Charter/Letters Patent dated the 30 July 1839 issued by "Victoria by the Grace of God" under "The Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland", that place New Zealand under the laws and dependency of New South Wales on the 30 January 1840.
2. The Royal Charter/Letters Patent dated the 16 November 1840 issued by "Victoria by the Grace of God" under "The Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland", that separated New Zealand from New South Wales and made New Zealand into a British colony with its own Governor and Constitution that set up our political, legal and justice systems under one flag and one law, irrespective of race colour or creed.

The Minister of internal Affairs, Tracey Martin, yesterday unveiled plans to replace ailing national archive in Wellington by 2024. The current facility and the nearby National Library hold about \$1.7 billion worth of the country's most precious records, such as Katherine Mansfield's original work and the 1835 Declaration of Independence signed by 52 Maori rangatira (chiefs). *The Declaration of Independence was a complete failure. It was only signed by 52 northern chiefs after 4 years, who*

never ratified it or honoured it and it was abandoned within 12 months without one meeting taking place. In fact, most of those that signed it were at war with each other before the ink had even dried.

The archive is 50 years old and has run out of room. It leaks and needs earthquake strengthening. Correct, but should have been address years ago.

In 2017 the Government spent \$7.2m moving a version of the Treaty, the Suffrage Petition and the Declaration of Independence a few hundred metres from Archives to the National Library to better protect them. Martin said she had seen ceiling drips being caught in buckets. Correct, but deliberately left our true Founding Documents; Queen Victoria's Royal Charters/Letters Patent of 1839 and 1840 in the old leaking, earthquake prone Archives building. Minister, there was also only one "official" version of the Tiriti o Waitangi.

Under the proposal, a 22,000sq m archive will be built on the site previously home to the Defence Force headquarters. The Defence building came down after the Kaikoura earthquake. An air bridge will link the building to the National Library by an air bridge, setting up a "documentary heritage campus" in the capital city.

Martin said the structure would be privately built and leased to the Government.

It was estimated construction would cost the developer between \$200m to \$225m, with work to be completed by late 2024. A final decision rested on the final cost and available funds. So far. \$25m has been allocated for the planning.

This is another attempt by the Government to deprive the people of New Zealand of their true history. For 25 years Queen Victoria's Royal Charters/Letters Patent of 1839 and 1840; New Zealand true Founding Documents and first Constitution, were held in the Constitution Room at Archive New Zealand for all to see, but on the 17 April 2017, the Constitution Room was dismantled by Government with the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Waitangi and the Women's Suffrage Petition being moved to the \$7.2 million *He Tohu* exhibition at the National Library Wellington. Queen Victoria's Royal Charters/Letters Patent of 1839 and 1840 were removed to Archives leaky and earthquake prone Repository where they must be ordered to research, that is, if future researchers know they exist.

Under the Official Information Act,

Will Queen Victoria's Royal Charters/Letters Patent of 1839 and 1840 issued by "*Victoria by the Grace of God*" under "*The Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland*", that made New Zealand into a British colony with its own Governor and Constitution that set up our political, legal and justice system under one flag and one law, irrespective of race colour or creed, be placed in Archive's new \$200 million home as our true Founding Documents and first Constitution?

Yours sincerely,

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This is an open letter to all interested parties.