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Dear Chris Fowle

Official Information Request

Thank you for your letter of 18 May 2010, requesting copies of any correspondence or documentation held by the Department of Internal Affairs regarding *NORML News* magazine.

Please find attached the following:

- Notes of a meeting held on 31 March 2010, between departmental officers and two police officers, during which the existence of several publications dealing with the cultivation of cannabis and other illegal activity was discussed. The names of the attending police officers have been withheld in terms of section 6(c) of the Official Information Act (where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law). Other information has been deleted as not being within the scope of your request.
- A police property record sheet for the six publications provided by the New Zealand Police to the Censorship Compliance Unit of the Department of Internal Affairs. The names of the submitting police officers have been withheld in terms of section 6(c) of the Official Information Act (where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law).
- A letter to the Chief Censor, dated 3 May 2010, submitting three editions of *NORML News* magazine for classification and the completed Notice of Submission form.
- A letter to the General Manager of NORML NZ Inc, notifying that three editions of *NORML News* magazine had been submitted to the Office of Film and Literature Classification for classification.



- A letter from the Deputy Chief Censor, dated 4 May 2010, directing the Department to notify NORML NZ Inc that three editions of *NORML News* magazine had been submitted for classification.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act you have the right to apply to the Ombudsman for an investigation or review of this decision.

Yours sincerely



Brendan Boyle
Secretary for Internal Affairs

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Withheld in terms of section 6(c)

Outside scope of request

Cannibal - cultivation
- work books.

- Classification of books
- communicate w/ retail chains.
- follow up buyers
IN sellers...

letter to CEO coy. on 11/4/2010
remove ex web-site.

SPO - Norm
- High Times
- Cannabis Culture.

General cleanup
- anarchist material
- mella books
- Hamilton etc.

= provide mella titles.
buyers

RELEASED UNDER THE
OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT

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3/05/2010

Chief Censor
Office of Film and Literature Classification
PO Box 1999
WELLINGTON

Dear Bill,

Under Section 13 (1)(b) of the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993, I wish to submit three editions of a magazine called *Worm News* to the Office of Film and Literature Classification, for a decision on their classification.

We are submitting three copies of the magazine and request consideration is given to issuing a serial publication order on the publication.

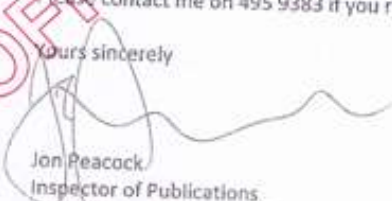
The magazine has been brought to our attention as it has an overt focus on the cultivation and use of cannabis, which I believe could be in breach of section 3 (3)(d) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993.

I have written to the publisher of the magazine advising of the submission. A copy is included with this letter.

At this stage the Department does not wish to make any further submissions on the magazine. I have spoken to the New Zealand Police about this magazine and they do not wish to make a submission, but have offered to provide expert advice, should it be felt necessary.

Please contact me on 495 9383 if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely


Jon Peacock
Inspector of Publications
for Secretary of Internal Affairs

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3/05/2010

The General Manager
Norml NZ Inc
PO BOX 3307
AUCKLAND

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Norml News (Winter 2009, Spring 2009 and Summer 2010) Magazine

This letter is to notify you that I have submitted the above editions of the magazine to the Office of Film and Literature Classification in New Zealand for a formal classification.

The Office of Film and Literature Classification can classify any publication as unrestricted (available to anyone), restricted (availability is limited to people of a certain age etc) or objectionable (completely banned).

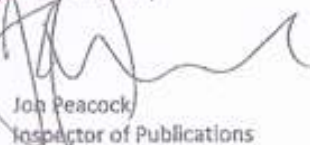
As an interested party you or your organisation will be invited to make a submission on the classification of the magazine.

The Office of Film and Literature Classification will be in contact shortly to formally invite you to make a submission.

I will be in contact again once the classification has been completed.

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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**Direction under s19(4)
of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993**

1. On 03 May 2010, the Secretary for Internal Affairs submitted three magazines entitled:

Norml News Winter 2009 Magazine
Norml News Spring 2009 Magazine
Norml News Summer 2010 Magazine

to the Classification Office under section 13(1)(b) for a decision on their classification.

2. By reason of their interest in the publications, I determine under section 19(2) that the following person should be notified of your submission of the publications and of their right to make a submission on their classification to the Classification Office by 27 May 2010:

as distributor
Norml Nz Inc
PO Box 3307
Auckland

3. I determine under section 19(5) that it would not place an undue burden on you to notify the person named above of the submission of the publications and of their right to make a submission on their classification.

4. If you have not already done so, I hereby direct you to notify the person named above of your submission of the publications and of their right to make a submission on their classification to the Classification Office by 27 May 2010.

Yours sincerely

Nic McCully
Deputy Chief Censor of Film and Literature

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION SECTION 13(1)

Secretary for Internal Affairs

TO: The Chief Censor
 Office of Film and Literature Classification
 PO Box 1999
 WELLINGTON

Take notice that pursuant to: Section 13 (1)(a)
 Section 13 (1)(b)
 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, the Secretary of Internal Affairs hereby submits the publication described below to the Classification Office for a decision on that publication's classification.

Title of Publication: NORML News (Winter 2009, Spring 2009, Summer 2010)
 Other Known Titles:
 Director/Author:
 Producer/Publisher: Norml NZ Inc
 Format: Magazine
 Country of Origin:
 Language: English
 Distributor:

Advertising material including film posters:

Format	State Number	Intended Places of Display
Video Slick (number)		
Poster		
Notice		
Other (describe)		

Display of other publications:

Intended places of display

For office use only OFLC Ref

Secretary of Internal Affairs notified:

Translation Provided:

