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Dear Mr Gee

### **Official Information Act 1982 request**

By email dated 21 May 2014, you made a request for information to the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982.

You have asked the following two questions:

- "1. *What happen to the guy responsible for all this, the guy who 'checked all the work' and issued 570 blank signed certs, the man from the news article? Is he the one who is still before the Board some 5 years later?*
2. *Did you grant this same man's relative (I have been told his son) a full certifying licence around the time the person responsible for these 570 signed blank certs handed his licence in? Of note my sources tell me it was granted in the same manner as Tony Hammond's (Board inspector) and John Darnley's (person ignored by the Board his [sic] involvement in the explosion in Milton Street), both of whom never sat an apprenticeship so I am told ...just months after an explosion nearly killed someone?"*

I am not able to comment on the particulars of outcome of any of the disciplinary proceedings in relation to this matter or on the identity of any of the parties who were disciplined but who were granted permanent name suppression by the Board. With respect to the matter which is still before the Board, I am unable to comment on any matter that is still before the Board.

I am therefore declining your request for information in respect of both your questions under section 6(c) of the Official Information Act on the grounds that making the information available would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

I can advise that a decision is expected from the Board in the matter still before it in the near future. Once a decision is released, I may be in a position to respond to any further Official Information Act request you may make about that matter.

You have the right to seek a review of my refusal to make information available to you in response to your request under section 28 of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Max Pedersen', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Max Pedersen  
**Chief Executive / Registrar**