

REDACTION KEY OF PROTECTIVE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

This key explains the shorthand references used in the Crown redactions of classified documents. Each claim to withhold information is justified by reference to the Protective Security Requirements (**PSR**) set by the New Zealand Government for the handling of classified information,¹ irrespective of the classification that applies to the specific document in question.

The PSR references have been indicated on top of each section of redacted text. In some cases a summary or “gist” of the redacted text has also been provided. Due to formatting constraints, some of these gists are marked in the margins beside the relevant redaction.

CODE	DESCRIPTION
IN CONFIDENCE Compromise of information is likely to:	
PSR(IC)1	Prejudice the maintenance of law and order
PSR(IC)2	Impede the effective conduct of government
PSR(IC)3	Adversely affect the privacy of NZ citizens
PSR(IC)4	Prejudice obligations of confidence
PSR(IC)5	Breach constitutional conventions
PSR(IC)6	Breach legal professional privilege
SENSITIVE Compromise of information is likely to damage New Zealand’s interest or endanger the safety of its citizens, e.g.:	
PSR(Sen)1	Endanger the safety of any person
PSR(Sen)2	Damage NZ’s economic interests
PSR – RESTRICTED Compromise of information would be likely to adversely affect the national interest, e.g.:	
PSR(R)1	Adversely affect diplomatic relations
PSR(R)2	Hinder the operational effectiveness of NZ or friendly forces
PSR(R)3	Hinder the security of NZ or friendly forces
PSR(R)4	Adversely affect the internal stability or economic wellbeing of NZ or friendly countries.
CONFIDENTIAL Compromise of information would cause significant damage to the national interest, e.g.:	
PSR(C)1	Greatly damage diplomatic relations and cause formal protest or other sanctions
PSR(C)2	Damage the operational effectiveness of NZ forces or friendly forces
PSR(C)3	Damage the security of NZ forces or friendly forces
PSR(C)4	Damage the effectiveness of valuable security or intelligence operations
PSR(C)5	Damage the internal stability of NZ or friendly countries
SECRET Compromise of information would cause serious damage to the national interest, e.g.:	
PSR(S)1	Seriously damage relations with friendly governments
PSR(S)2	Seriously damage security of NZ forces or friendly forces
PSR(S)3	Seriously damage the operational effectiveness of NZ forces or friendly forces
PSR(S)4	Seriously damage the effectiveness of valuable security or intelligence operations
PSR(S)5	Seriously damage the internal stability of NZ or friendly countries

¹ The text used in the Description column is taken from www.protectivesecurity.govt.nz, last accessed 7 February 2019.