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Subject: Re: open letter to David Mc Neil

Thanks for your detailed information Grace.

Yes, I have previously read the information you've presented on your website.

While I don't always agree with the methods you choose to pursue your case, I can certainly see great misdeeds have occurred.

Good to read that you've simplified your approach to communication.

It is for cases like yours we work so carefully and hard on submissions, improvements and changes to policy and public & political attitudes to integrity and corruption. We all know there is plenty of corruption out there, and the greedy are evasive and elusive.

Your work in highlighting specific cases, and keeping the information up to date and relevant is very useful. If Neil Wells is so horribly corrupt, who is he exploiting now?

We see the global trend towards tip-offs and leaks being more effective than formal whistleblowing. Your position as a publisher of these in NZ helps in exposing corruption, and keeping NZers aware we are not immune, and hopefully getting them annoyed enough to demand action from our political representatives.

Transparency International NZ approaches corruption in a different way, attempting to give the whole system more tools & techniques for exposing and preventing corruption.

Each are worthwhile approaches, each of us have our strengths, we share a common goal in preventing the pain and cost of corruption on individuals, the environment and communities as a whole. We all work with limited resources and a great many volunteer hours.

I hope you can find your way to moderating your criticism of TINZ just because we aren't working issues you see. We all have different views into corruption, and if all of us succeed, corruption as a whole will be reduced. When anti-corruption groups are distracted, the corrupt laugh and have an easier time getting away with it.

Good luck with your efforts, and I hope you have the help you need to keep your investigative and editorial standards high, and that regulators with resources, due authority and teeth take up your exposed cases.

David McNeill