

## SELF-INFLICTED DEATHS

### APPLICATION FOR AN EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 71A OF THE CORONERS ACT 2006

1. Any person intending to make public information covered by section 71(2) of the Coroners Act 2006 (Coroners Act) must apply to the chief coroner for an exemption under section 71A of the Coroners Act.
2. On receiving the application, the chief coroner may request further information from the applicant.
3. The chief coroner may carry out any communications necessary for processing the application promptly in person or by way of remote access (e.g., by telephone, video, or Internet Link)
4. The chief coroner may grant an exemption only if satisfied that granting an exemption:
  - a. does not present an undue risk that other people will attempt to copy the behaviour of the dead person concerned; and
  - b. any risk that people will attempt to copy the behaviour of the dead person concerned is outweighed by other considerations that make it desirable, in the public interest, to allow the publication of the details.
5. On receiving the application the chief coroner may consult with the suicide and media expert panel pursuant to section 71A(2) and section 116A of the Coroners Act. A copy of the application will be sent to the representative of the immediate family of the deceased and any member of the immediate family who has asked to be notified of significant matters (and whose interests are not represented by the family representative).
6. The chief coroner will keep a written record of every application received, whether the exemption was granted, and the reasons in each case for granting, or declining to grant, the exemption.

**APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM RESTRICTIONS IN SECTION 71(2) CORONERS ACT**

**2006**

NAME OF DECEASED: \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility**

1. Did the death occur prior to 22 July 2016?  Yes  No

Note: If yes, you cannot apply for an exemption under section 71A of the Coroners Act. For deaths prior to 22 July 2016, the section 71 publication provision in force prior to the commencement of the Coroners Amendment Act 2016 applies.

**Application**

2. I apply to make public:
- The method or any suspected method of the self-inflicted death;
  - Any detail (e.g., the location of death) which suggests the method or any suspected method of the self-inflicted death; and/or
  - A description of the death as a suicide.

Please specify the details you are seeking to make public:

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3. Please record any information you wish the chief coroner to take into account in considering whether the application should be granted with particular regard to:

(a) the public interest in allowing the publication of the details of the death(s); and

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(b) the risk that an individual/people will attempt to copy the behaviour of the deceased person concerned.

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4. Name of programme, publication, recording or internet site in which the information may be made public and date of proposed publication:

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Applicant contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email the completed application to: [NIO@justice.govt.nz](mailto:NIO@justice.govt.nz)**