



Dear colleagues

On the 15th March, New Zealand experienced one of the darkest days in our history; the terrorist attack in Christchurch is a tragedy and our group in the Department of Internal Affairs is working hard with partners, both domestically and internationally, to remove the online footage related to the attack.

The Department considers that the footage related to the attack is objectionable and therefore considered an offence under New Zealand's law to possess, share and/or host harmful content. This type of activity may also be illegal in your jurisdiction.

We cannot control the international sharing of this objectionable content, and as such, it is important to leverage our partnerships to assist us managing this terrible situation.

It is highly likely that this content is being hosted or shared in your jurisdiction, we would be grateful if you or your partners could assist us with the removal of it online and support the messaging we are delivering globally. Your support would also be appreciated in any additional assistance and/or suggestions to help us manage this.

Here are the ways you could help us:

- If your organisation can – delete the video and/or any footage,
- share the message that under New Zealand law the content of the footage is considered to be objectionable and therefore an offence,
- encourage your customers to report the footage to online platforms,
- share this letter with your partners and stakeholders, and/or
- your customers can make a complaint through the censorship web page - <https://www.dia.govt.nz/web/submitforms.nsf/cencomp>

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Armadoros'.

Kind regards,

Jolene Armadoros, Director of the Digital Safety Group (Censorship / Digital Child Exploitation Unit) at The Department of Internal Affairs.