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Dear Mr Bodnar

Letter VII.531.27.2020.MM to the Chief Ombudsman

Thank you for your letter of 6 April 2020, regarding your concern for Polish citizens currently in New Zealand.

The COVID-19 crisis is causing unprecedented effects around the globe, and I am heartened to see human rights bodies and mechanisms communicating with one another to ensure that fundamental human rights are upheld even in these trying times.

I have reviewed your letter carefully, and spoken with the Human Rights Commissioner of New Zealand, Mr Paul Hunt, about it.

I believe the concerns you have expressed are more appropriately considered and responded to by our Human Rights Commission. The Commissioner has indicated to me that he is happy to take forward the concerns. Accordingly, I have forwarded your letter to the Human Rights Commissioner, who will contact you in due course.

I wish to extend my best wishes to you in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely



Pete Boshier
Chief Ombudsman