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Tēnā koe Patrick

Request for information 2023-105

I refer to your request for information dated 30 April 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 30 April 2023. You have requested the following:

“given the recent government announcement of hybrid or electro-diesel trains for the Capital Connection and Wairarapa Connection Services, how does the cost of purchasing these trains compare with options for extending the electrification of the railway lines to the destinations concerned?”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

Our Detailed Business Case on the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility 2021 (LNIRIM) explains how we developed the proposed investment.

This document is attached to this response (**Attachment 1**) but can also be found on our website:

<https://www.gw.govt.nz/document/19521/detailed-business-case-lower-north-island-rail-integrated-mobility-2021>

Please refer to Chapter 4 of the DBC which presents our Options Assessment which considered extending electrification (Option 6). The analysis shows that electrification has the highest capital cost and extremely long delivery timelines.

Information contained within the LNIRIM document has been redacted under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act). Some of the information contained in this document has been withheld under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act on the basis that making this information available would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

We have considered whether the public interest in the requested information outweighs Greater Wellington's need to withhold certain aspects of the LNIRIM document. As a result, we do not consider that the public interest outweighs Greater Wellington's reason for withholding parts of the document under the grounds identified above.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Samantha Gain'.

Samantha Gain

Kaiwhakahaere Matua Waka-ā-atea | Group Manager Metlink