

By email

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Dear Mr Mellor

Request for information 2019-246

I refer to your request for information dated 1 July 2019, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) on 1 July 2019 for the following information:

“All information relevant to the statement reported at <https://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/news/wellington/113814616/driver-shortages-and-city-councils-moves-on-bus-priority-blamed-for-wellington-network-problems> that This council [GWRC] has expressed what its view is on bus priority to the roading authority [WCC] for every such expression made in the years 2014-2019, including full details of what was in each expression and WCC's response.”

I wrote to you on 27 July to advise you that your request was for a significant amount of information which may be refused under section 17(f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) as it would take substantial collation and research to respond to it.

To make your request more manageable, we proposed a refinement to your request as we believed this refinement may avoid the possibility of your request being refused for the reason identified. This suggested refinement was:

“...views that have been presented to Wellington City Council via letters, formal reports, the Wellington City Council/GW working party, and submissions GWRC have made to the Wellington City Council's Long Term Plan.”

On 31 July you contacted GWRC to confirm your agreement with this proposal.

GWRC's response follows.

As a result of this suggested refinement we undertook a further search of GWRC records which returned in excess of 2,000 documents that were potentially within scope of your request. To enable



us to respond we further focussed our search to correspondence only and using the search terms “bus priority’ and ‘WCC’; and “bus priority” and “Wellington City Council”. The result of our searches will not be all the documents that we hold relating to bus priority. In addition, we also identified a number of documents that we think will be of interest to you.

The documents that we are releasing to you are enclosed with this letter as Attachment (1). A list of all of the documents that we have identified in response to your request is provided in Table (a) below. Note that information out of scope of your request has been redacted.

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 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Yours sincerely



Greg Pollock
General Manager, Public Transport

Table (a)

Document #	Date	Subject	Redactions
<i>Documents identified as within scope of your request, and using the following search terms “bus priority’ and ‘WCC’; and “bus priority” and “Wellington City Council”</i>			
	15 June 2016	Email - Rhona Hewitt GWRC to Andy Foster WCC, copied to others – FW: Top 5 area of bus congestion in Wellington City	
	15 July 2016	Email - Charles Argate to Sarah Free and others – Follow-up from Meeting (Thurs 14/07/2016)	
	27 March 2017	Email - Chris Calvi- Freeman to many – Re: Proposed special meeting before Easter of Joint GW/ WCC Transport WG – topic bus hubs etc	
	15 May 2018	Letter Chris Laidlaw GWRC to Mayor Justin Lester WCC – Submission on the proposed WCC Long Term Plan 2018 - 2028	
	21 May 2018	Email - Helen Chapman to many – RE: RLTP significant activities prioritisation following TAG moderation	
	Attachment	Updated significant activities	
	23 July 2018	Email - Samantha Seath to many – WRIP Agenda and meeting papers	
	Attachment	Wellington Regional Investment Plan Draft Actions for Steering Group 25 July 2018.docx	
	24 August 2018 2: 00 pm	Email - Helen Chapman GW to Paul Barker and others – Feedback on detailed design of Kilbirnie cycle ways	
	Attachment	Feedback on Kilbirnie area cycleway design	
	18 September 2018	Email – WCC Transport Team to Sarah McNeil GWRC - Hataitai Intersection Traffic Light Proposal – Feedback Form	

	Attachment	Hataitai Intersection Traffic Lights Proposal - Feedback Form	
	9 October 2018	Letter - Greg Campbell CE GWRC to Kevin Lavery CE WCC– Bus priority in Wellington	
	10 December 2018 6 09 pm	Email - Councillor Simon Woolf, wcc to Greg Campbell copy to others – RE Bus Issues	
	18 December 2018	Letter - Luke Troy GWRC to Siobhan Proctor WCC copy to others – Newtown Connections cycleways	
	13 March 2019	Email - Lucy Harper to Mitch Lewandowski and David Mitchell – Revised transport input to NPS for urban development capacity report	
	Attachment	Revised NPS for urban development capacity	
	15 May 2019	Email – Lucy Harper to John McSweeney and others - Submission of GWRC to WCC – Planning for Growth and Te Atakura – First to Zero Consultation documents	
	Attach	Final GWRC Submission on Planning for Growth	
	28 May 2019	Email - Samantha Seath to many – RE: Wellington Regional Investment Plan	
	Attachment	WRIP Draft 1.1	
<i>Additional documents identified</i>			
	1 December 2015	Presentation to STC	
	19 August 2016	Wellington City Network briefing (presentation)	
	3 February 2017	Minutes – GWRC/ WCC – Wellington Bus Infrastructure Minutes	
	19 May 2017	Letter Chris Laidlaw Chair GWRC to Mayor Justin Lester WCC – GWRC submission on the draft Wellington City Council Annual Plan	
	27 June 2017	Minutes WCC Liaison Meeting	

	20 April 2017 8:24am	Email – Rhona Hewitt GWRC to Luke Troy and others – GW/WCC Transport Working Group – future meeting topics	
	25 September 2018	Hataitai intersection traffic lights proposal	
		WCC/GW Transport Working Group Papers	
	10 December 2018	Agenda WCC/GW Transport Working Group	
	28 January 2019	Email Wayne Hastie to Siobhan Proctor – Bus priority suggestions	
	Attachment	Paula Warren paper – Bus Transit time reliability	
	11 March 2019	Email - Siobhan Proctor to Rhona Hewitt and others – bus priority	
	11 April 2019	Email – Douglas List to many – updated agenda bus partnering workshop	
	Attachment	GWRC and WCC bus partnering workshop agenda 12.14.19	
	15 April 2019	Email – Douglas List to many – Bus Priority Workshop	
	Attachment	Bus Priority partnering workshop outcomes	