

By email

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Dear Mr Randle

Request for information OIA 2019-373

I refer to your email dated 27 November 2019 which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) on 28 November 2019. You have requested the following information following GWRC's response to your request for information OIA 2019-372:

'The GWRC has previously release Transport Rates calculations as part of previous Long Term Plans (LTPs). An example is the request for a copy of the Transport Rates calculations used to support the 2015-2025 LTP (<https://fyi.org.nz/request/2578-the-2015-16-transport-rate-calculations-used-for-the-gwrc-long-term-plan#incoming-8348>).

I understand that information that was previously withheld is not longer deemed Commercial in Confidence due to the implementation of the new PTOM contracts for bus and passenger rail services. I am interested in be provided with a complete copy of these Transport Rates calculation spreadsheets.

- 1) A copy of the spreadsheets that calculate the detailed Transport Rates used to support the GWRC 2015 Long Term Plan please be provided ?*
- 2) A copy of the spreadsheets that calculate the detailed Transport Rates support the GWRC 2012 Long Term Plan please be provided ?*
- 3) A copy of the spreadsheets that calculate the detailed Transport Rates support the GWRC 2009 Long Term Plan please be provided ?*
- 4) A copy of the spreadsheets that calculate the detailed Transport Rates support the GWRC 2006 Long Term Plan please be provided ?*

It is preferred that the requested information is provided in its complete and original spreadsheet format. It is further requested that any spreadsheets linked to the main calculation spreadsheet are also provided as part of this request.'



GWRC's response follows:

- 1) *A copy of the spreadsheets that calculate the detailed Transport Rates used to support the GWRC 2015 Long Term Plan please be provided ?*

This information has been withheld in accordance with section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) on the ground that releasing the requested information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the operators who are the subject of the information and would be likely to unduly undermine GWRC's ability to carry out negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage for future negotiations.

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

GWRC is happy to work with you to provide more information relating to transport rate in the 2015 Long Term Plans at an aggregate level.

- 2) *A copy of the spreadsheets that calculate the detailed Transport Rates support the GWRC 2012 Long Term Plan please be provided ?*

Please refer to information response 2012-037 on 2 May 2012 that included all information available for this request.

- 3) *A copy of the spreadsheets that calculate the detailed Transport Rates support the GWRC 2009 Long Term Plan please be provided ?*

A search has been undertaken and the document alleged to contain the information requested cannot be found. Therefore your request is refused under section 17(e) of the Act.

- 4) *A copy of the spreadsheets that calculate the detailed Transport Rates support the GWRC 2006 Long Term Plan please be provided ?*

A search has been undertaken and the document alleged to contain the information requested cannot be found. Therefore your request is refused under section 17(e) of the Act.

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.

Yours sincerely



Alan Bird

Acting General Manager – Corporate Services