

21 June 2021

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Tēnā koe Matt Young,

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 28 May 2021:

“Can I please be provided with all full submissions to HCC's Long Term Plan 2021-31. For reference an archive of submissions to HCC's 2020 Annual Plan is available here- [http://iportal.huttcity.govt.nz/Home/Search?Tab=31&query=container%3A\[uri%3A5594196\]](http://iportal.huttcity.govt.nz/Home/Search?Tab=31&query=container%3A[uri%3A5594196])”

I am requesting the same for the 2021-31 LTP.”

Our Response:

A decision was made not to make all the feedback received during the engagement on the Long Term Plan 2021-31 publically available as has occurred in the past because of the volume and form of the feedback. This included post-it notes at workshops, transcripts from community meetings, emails, letters, survey forms, flyers and phone calls.

Council is committed to enabling far greater participation and transparency in this democratic process. Part of this commitment included assuring people that, unless they wished to speak at the submissions hearing, their feedback could be made informally and would remain confidential.

To summarise, the decision to provide a summary rather than all the feedback was made because of the sheer volume of feedback and the process, resources and time involved in maintaining confidentiality. We are therefore declining your request under section 17(f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation. We have considered whether charging or extending the time to respond to your request, however in both instances this would unreasonably interfere with the ability for us to carry out our usual work.

This information has been released in another form; a summary of this information is available through the link below.

<http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/Your-Council/Have-your-say/10-year-plan-2021-2031/>

We have also released a document which outlines the content summary of each piece of feedback received that was not on a formal form, the one exception is notes taken at the

community workshops held by the Mayor that were invite only. This is available through the link below.

<http://portal.huttcity.govt.nz/Record/ReadOnly?Tab=31&Uri=5926762>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Moore', written over a faint circular stamp.

Wendy Moore
Head of Strategy & Planning