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From: Andrew Freeth <Andrew.Freeth@dia.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 22 February 2021 04:55 p.m.
To: Helen Jones
Cc: Julie Sleep; Ben Thrupp; Geoff Stuart; Billy Charlton
Subject: RE: Wellington City Council and single issue dog tags ("One Tag")

Kia ora Helen

Thanks for your email outlining Wellington City Council's proposal to issue one dog registration disc to span multiple registration years rather than issuing annual dog registration discs.

It is good to see that you are looking at ways to improve your Council's carbon footprint and reduce waste.

As you note the Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act) envisages annual dog tags so that it can be easily determined by dog control officers and dog rangers whether a dog is currently registered. The Department of Internal Affairs is unable to provide legal advice on your proposal, although we do note the risks that your legal team has highlighted.

The Department does not have a role in enforcing how local authorities implement legislative obligations that have an element of discretion. The Council should not expect to be challenged directly by us on this matter.

Should the opportunity arise to review dog registration process in the Act we would welcome the chance to work with you on how the process could be improved.

We'd be happy to discuss this over the phone if it'd be helpful.

Kind regards
Andrew

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Hi Andrew,

Further to my email a couple of weeks ago (see below) – are you able to indicate when DIA will be in a position to respond? Thanks