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Tēnā koe Darren

Request for information 2024-162

I refer to your request for information originally sent to New Zealand Transport Agency dated 4 July 2024, which was transferred and received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 22 July 2024. You have requested the following:

“This is a request for the Riverlink Report by Emma Hope. The existence of this document was reported in the local news paper. It is assumed that the Hope report includes economic analysis. This request for information includes the documents used to calculate economics and CO2 emissions for the Hope report. It is assumed these documents will be one or more spreadsheets to calculate the capital benefits & cost analysis and CIPA. This request is for the unadulterated spreadsheets

Please:

un-hide all sheets and cells.

unlock all cells and sheets

This request specifically includes, but is not limited to:

the values in the spreadsheets,

the formula applied to the values,

notes and text in the spreadsheets.

any documents/spreadsheets linked to the main economics analysis spreadsheets. PDF files are not acceptable substitutes for spreadsheets because the formulae are erased.

Please release:

the Riverlink Hope Report

the spreadsheets used to produce the report

*the latest versions of the spreadsheets if not the same as above
other documents that are linked to the spreadsheets, if there are links.”*

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

The Greater Wellington report “Te Wai Takamori o te Awa Kairangi – expected impacts on public transport” is publicly available at <https://www.gw.govt.nz/document/22729/council-27-june-2024-order-paper/> (from page 430 of the order paper). Our assumption is this is the ‘Hope Report’ you are referring to in your request, as it was referenced as such by journalist Nicholas Boyack in his June 27, 2024 article ‘*Bridge could be the key to more trains on Melling Line*’. For your further information this report references a previous report from May 30 2024 Greater Wellington Council report, ‘Te Wai Takamori O Te Awa Kairangi - Agreed Transport Objectives’, which is also publicly available, from page 73 of the order paper downloadable at: <https://www.gw.govt.nz/document/22646/council-30-may-2024-order-paper/>

These two reports do not include any “capital benefits & cost analysis and CIPA”. Therefore, we have refused this part of your request under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on the basis that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

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.

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



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