

**From:** [Councillor Tony Randle](#)  
**To:** [Erin Gourley](#)  
**Cc:** [Tom Hunt](#)  
**Subject:** WCC Notice of motion - Golden Mile to be part of an Integrated Plan  
**Date:** Wednesday, 8 May 2024 5:10:00 pm  
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Hi Erin

Following last [Thursday's WCC Transport Briefing](#), a number of councillors expressed concern that:

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Cheers

Tony Randle

**Tony Randle**

Kaikaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Councillor  
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## Wellington City Council - Notice of Motion

For consideration at the Council meeting on 6 June 2024.

### To

**Ms Barbara McKerrow**  
Chief Executive  
Wellington City Council  
113 The Terrace, Te Aro  
Wellington 6011

**Mover:- Councillor Tony Randle**

**Seconder:- Councillor Tim Brown**

This Notice of Motion asks officers to ask to complete an integrated transport plan for the CBD Corridor before contractual commitments are made for construction of the Golden Mile.

### Background

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, Officers gave a briefing on transport projects following the cancellation of the Lets Get Wellington Moving Programme by the Minister of Transport. This decision resulted in the Council taking over the in-flight LGWM roading work including the major CBD Golden Mile and City Streets Projects. Three major elements were highlighted in this briefing:

- That transport through Wellington needs to be planned in a integrated way with a Wellington City Transport Plan being the centre of this
- That a Bus Priority Corridor needs to be quickly designed and built to support construction along the Golden Mile and the ongoing increase in the number of peak time bus services
- That the Golden Mile Project is to shortly to proceed into construction on its current design


We are concerned that the Golden Mile Project construction proceeds while bus priority lanes and cycleways on nearby roads are still to be designed. Councillors believe that the CBD Corridor roads, cycleways and pedestrian space must work together in an integrated way and so wish to direct officers to support this approach.

## Motion

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. **Complete** an integrated transport plan (vehicles, buses, bicycles and pedestrians) for the central city before further design and signing of further contracts for construction under the Golden Mile Project.
2. **Direct** officers to work with the Greater Wellington Regional Council to report on an option to add more bus capacity including bus stops to the Golden Mile corridor while retaining pedestrian improvements.

## Signed

Name	Signature
Cllr Tim Brown	
Cllr Diane Calvert	
Cllr Ray Chung	
Cllr Sarah Free	
Cllr Iona Pannett	
Cllr Tony Randle	
Cllr Nicola Young	

**From:** [Tom Hunt](#)  
**To:** [Councillor Tony Randle](#)  
**Subject:** Re: WCC Notice of motion - Golden Mile to be part of an Integrated Plan  
**Date:** Thursday, 9 May 2024 8:07:28 am  
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Hi Tony,  
We are getting a story up now but just whenever suits - it would be good to know if you think you have the numbers for this.  
Cheers

On Thu, May 9, 2024 at 7:49 AM Councillor Tony Randle <[xxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)> wrote:

Sure, what is your time-frame?

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**From:** Tom Hunt <[x@xx](mailto:x@xx)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 9, 2024 7:41:12 AM  
**To:** Councillor Tony Randle <[x@xx](mailto:x@xx)>  
**Cc:** Erin Gourley <[x@xx](mailto:x@xx)>  
**Subject:** Re: WCC Notice of motion - Golden Mile to be part of an Integrated Plan

Thanks Tony - would you mind giving me a quick call?  
Cheers

On Wed, May 8, 2024 at 5:11 PM Councillor Tony Randle <[xxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)> wrote:

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**From:** [Tom Hunt](#)  
**To:** [DL: Councillors](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Wellington Water comms spend  
**Date:** Sunday, 12 May 2024 12:26:12 pm

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Hi all - I seem to have messed up my numbers. They went from 3 to 8, not the other way!

On Sun, May 12, 2024 at 7:50 AM Tom Hunt <[xx@xx](#)> wrote:

Hi all,

Does anyone there want to comment on the attached: Wellington Water has boosted its comms team from 8 to 3. Once contractors, etc are factored in, the bill has gone from \$552k to \$921k.

If you do want to comment, please keep it short and get back to me by midday.

Chers

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**Tom Hunt**  
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10 May 2024

**OIA IRO-662**

Tom Hunt

[tom.hunt@stuff.co.nz](mailto:tom.hunt@stuff.co.nz)

Tēnā koe Tom,

**Official information request regarding Wellington Water communications team expenditure**

Thank you for your request dated 11 April 2024 requesting the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act):

1. *Can I get, under the LGOIMA, a year by year breakdown for the past four years up to the end of March, of the FTE number of staff on your communications team and the total amount in money spent on salaries.*
2. *Can I also get details of how much was spent on outside communications companies for each year?*

The response to your request is enclosed following this letter as an appendix.

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 at <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/about-us/official-requests/official-information-act-responses/> with your personal information removed.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email us at [official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz](mailto:official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz)

Nāku noa, nā,



**Mark Ford**

**Group Manager**

**Business Services (CFO)**

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## Appendix

### Question 1:

*Full time equivalent (FTE) Wellington Water communications staff and salary expenditure (as recorded)*

Tax year: April/March	# of FTE staff	Total Salaries Earnings
2023/2024	8	\$889,081
2022/2023	8	\$675,760
2021/2022	5	\$501,144
2020/2021	3	\$353,047

### Question two:

*Outside communications companies expenditure by financial year (as recorded)*

Financial year: July-June	Contractors to back-fill FTE staff vacancies	External PR agencies for external strategic communications advice
2023-March 2024	\$27,856	\$4,193
2022/2023	\$163,470	\$450
2021/2022	\$28,844	\$0
2020/2021	\$196,181	\$2,990

### For your information:

The Communications and Engagement Team at Wellington Water is responsible for all external communications and engagement for the organisation and it is an important function of the work we do for our community and councils.

This includes ensuring the public are aware of what's happening with their water services in their area. We notify the public of outages and wastewater discharges, keep people updated on the work in their neighbourhood which impacts them or potentially cause disruption, and regularly publish information on our work that is of high interest (e.g. leaks).

We also ensure the public understand water restrictions and what they need to do to reduce their water use. For the recent 2023/24 summer period, the Communications and Engagement Team were responsible for ensuring the public were aware of the increased risk of a potential water shortage, tighter water restrictions, and the need for people to conserve water. The public responded well and thanks to their hard mahi, the region avoided having to move up to Level 3 Water Restrictions.

As a support function to the organisation, the Communications and Engagement Team's work is driven by the organisation's programmes and delivery. In the past three years, the team increased it's capacity and number of full time employees to meet the demand of the business.

Since the 2020/21 financial year, our organisation has grown from 240 to 387 FTEs (as at 31 March 2024) to deliver on the work our councils have funded us to do. Between the 2020/21 and 2022/23 financial years our capital delivery work doubled and continues to grow. The aging infrastructure in the region has also meant we have seen a steady increase of service interruptions and outages over the past few years and an ongoing backlog of work. All of which requires us to communicate and engage with the public and our councils so they better understand the work we are delivering for them.

The Communications and Engagement Team manage Wellington Water's external channels – website and social media channels – and respond to a wide range of enquiries from the media and the public. These requests have also increased in volume due to increased attention and interest in our work.

From time to time contractors and external agencies are used to support the team when there are vacancies or if external strategic advice is needed.

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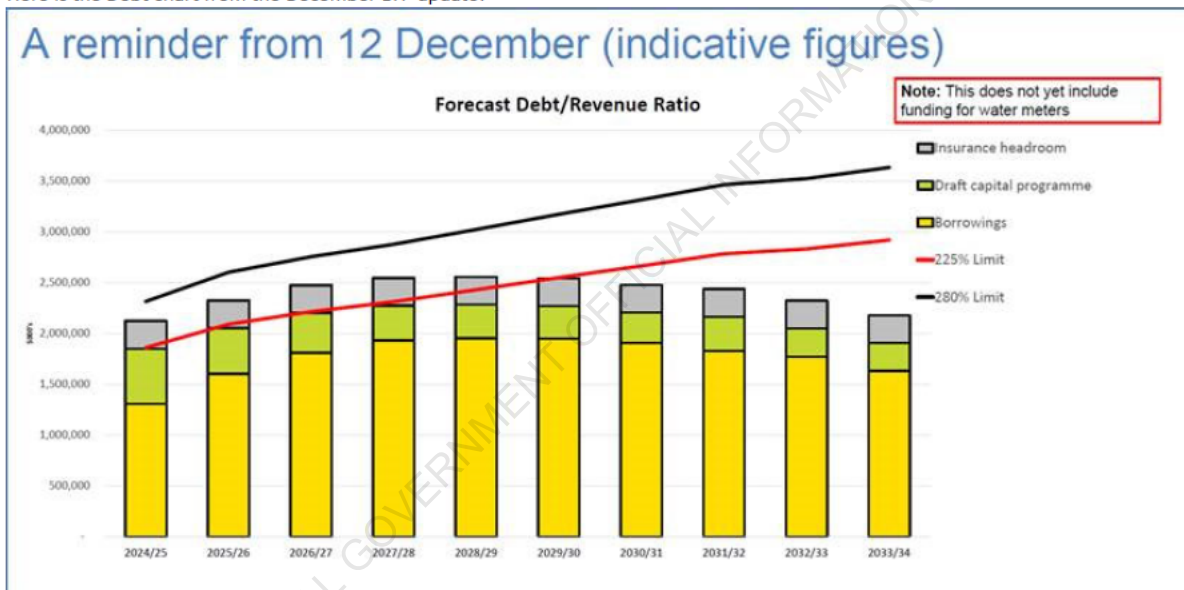
Hi Erin

Thanks for exploring this important question in the LTP.

My current position is **I am not convinced I can support the LTP proposal to sell our Airport Shares** (under the title of "Manage insurance and investment risks") because I believe most of this money will be used to pay back debt.

I am in agreement that the City's resilience would likely be better enabled by having our investments safely off-shore than tied up in a vulnerable local business. If selling the shares was the whole proposal, then the arguments put forward for doing this do have considerable merit. However, this proposal also **includes removing the other leg of our resilience funding, the \$272M of Insurance Debt Headroom** required under our finance strategy, makes this proposal more of an enablement for this spendthrift council to spend even more and I cannot support this.

Here is the Debt chart from the December LTP update:



So the LTP **already** exceeds our 225% maximum debt limit **if you include the Insurance Debt Headroom**.

The Sale of Airport Shares proposal in the LTP includes removal of the Insurance Debt Headroom (outlined in red) on page 46 of the LTP Consultation document:

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## The options

### Option A Sell full holding of airport shares

**Costs**  
This option will have no impact on Council rates or levels of service as, based on the assumptions above, the new investment fund will produce a dividend similar (or higher) to the one currently received from WIAL. The forecast WIAL dividend offset rates by approximately 2.0 percent in 2024/25. However, the exact dividend amounts received by the Council varies year on year.

This option frees up \$272m of headroom held in our debt to revenue ratio. It has no impact on the amount of debt Council has.

The Council will sell its full holding of airport shares and create a new publicly owned financial asset by reinvesting the proceeds in a perpetual investment fund. Proceeds from future ground lease sales could also be transferred into the fund (if/when these leases were considered for sale).

Under this option, we have assumed sale proceeds from Wellington International Airport Limited (WIAL) shares of \$500m (based on the midrange valuation), with an \$8m cost for the sale. This leaves a starting fund balance of \$492m. We have also assumed \$50m in ground lease sales, spread over Years 5 to 10 of the LTP, with proceeds being invested in the fund.

**What this means**

- Selling all the airport shares provides the greatest benefits in how we can mitigate the financial risks outlined above, including increasing diversification to better manage risk, providing security of revenue stream via diversification of investments, and increasing access to funds for rebuilding or providing financial relief after a natural disaster.
- While we will no longer have a dividend from the airport shares, expected returns have been assumed at 7 percent and could be the same or greater than our airport dividend. This means we can use some of the return on the fund as revenue for the Council and use some to reinvest in the fund to enable it to grow.
- In the event of a disaster we could use some of the fund to help cover the insurance shortfall we are exposed to. The level of funding we expect to draw down would be agreed within the fund's charter.
- Enables the Council to invest in line with its strategic objectives eg environmental and climate objectives.
- Enables the Council to no longer need to hold \$272m debt headroom/capacity for increased borrowing in the event of a natural disaster, which frees up the Council's borrowing capacity.
- As the Council will no longer be a shareholder, it will not be called on to contribute capital funding to the airport in future (or face dilution of its shareholding if others invested in the company), including if the airport needed funding to rebuild after a natural disaster.

**Preferred option**

### Option B Sell some of its airport shares

**Costs**  
This option will have no impact on Council rates or levels of service as the new investment fund and the smaller shareholding in WIAL will produce a dividend similar to the one currently received. The forecast WIAL dividend offset rates by approximately 2.0 percent in 2024/25. However, the exact dividend amounts received by the Council varies year on year.

This option frees up some of the \$272m of headroom held in our debt to revenue ratio, but not as much as Option A. It has no impact on the amount of debt Council has.

The Council will sell some of its airport shares and create a new publicly owned financial asset by reinvesting the proceeds in a perpetual investment fund. Proceeds from future ground lease sales could also be transferred into the fund (if/when these leases were considered for sale).

Under this option, we have assumed sale proceeds from WIAL shares of \$250m (based on the midrange valuation for half the shareholding), with a \$4m cost for the sale. This leaves a starting fund balance of \$246m. We have also assumed \$50m in ground lease sales, spread over Years 5 to 10 of the LTP, with proceeds being invested in the fund. The Council also retains half its WIAL shareholding.

**What this means**

- Selling some of the airport shares provides some diversification in the Council's investments to help

The impact of this on our debt is (obviously) not highlighted by officers but it is stated in the **LTP Financial Strategy** document on page 10 that the insurance headroom is only included for the first two years of the LTP after which it's gone:

The Council's debt to revenue ratio limit has historically included a provision for insurance headroom of \$272m. This amount was set in the 2021-31 LTP and reflected the "gap" in insurance coverage available to the Council. The current financial strategy retains the insurance headroom for the first two years of the plan. However, from year three of the plan the Council's financial strategy reflects alternative risk mitigation strategies, including the establishment of a perpetual investment fund, to mitigate its financial and insurance risks (see improving balance sheet resilience section below).

In preparing its 2021-31 LTP, the Council was forecasting to breach its debt to revenue limit in the first six years of the plan. While the Council's actual debt to revenue ratio has not exceeded the 225% limit to date, debt has still increased significantly.

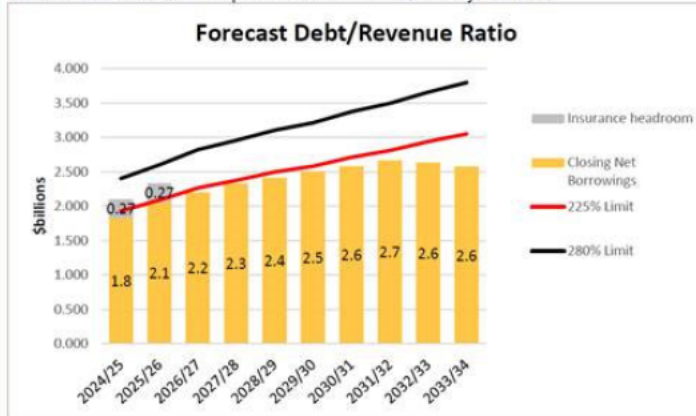
**Debt to Income Ratio LTP 2021-31**

Year	Ratio Limit 225%	Current Debt to Income Ratio
2021/22	225%	~225%
2022/23	225%	~225%
2023/24	225%	~225%
2024/25	225%	~200%
2025/26	225%	~180%
2026/27	225%	~160%
2027/28	225%	~140%
2028/29	225%	~120%
2029/30	225%	~100%
2030/31	225%	~80%

The Debt Section on page 13 shows this more clearly:

## Debt

The Council's net debt is expected to increase to \$2.6b by 2033/34.



The forecast shows that the Council will exceed its debt to revenue limit, for the first two years of the plan. However, if we exclude the insurance headroom then the debt to revenue limit is not exceeded.

Therefore, the net effect of selling the first \$272M in Airport shares while also removing the \$272M insurance headroom is to pay back the excessive debt we are already planning to take on.

It is my view is the WCC needs both the overseas based investment fund **and** the Insurance Debt Headroom if we are to make the city more resilient ... **this proposal reduces the financial resilience of Wellington City.**

I hope this help explain my concerns with the recommended LTP proposal with the sale of Airport Shares.

Cheers

Tony Randle

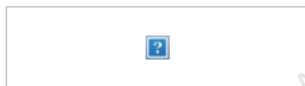
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**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2024 9:44 AM

**To:** DL: Councillors <councillors@wcc.govt.nz>

**Subject:** Airport shares story

Kia ora councillors! I'm working on a piece looking at what might happen with the proposal to sell the airport shares, canvassing some of the arguments for and against.

Could you send me through a line or two about what you're thinking at the moment or give me a call?

Anytime before about 4pm would be great.

Cheers,

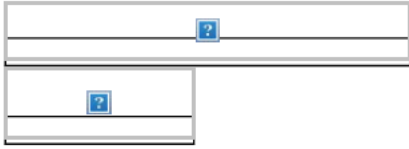
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**Erin Gourley (she/her)**

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**Subject:** Re: Thorndon Quay pipes.  
**Date:** Thursday, 23 May 2024 12:36:39 pm

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Thanks Sarah and all,  
FYI (and I'm still waiting on clarity on this), it seems LGWM asked for a pipe assessment and got the draft memo showing the must do work etc. WCC did not ask for this information so did not get the same information. WW's prioritisation looks at the urgency of what is needed but doesn't factor in \$50m or works going over the top.

On Thu, May 23, 2024 at 12:23 PM Councillor Sarah Free <[xxxxx.xxxx@xxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxx@xxx.xxx.xx)> wrote:

Hi Tom

We have had advice that Wellington Water have not prioritised any renewals along Thorndon Quay in the next 10 years.

We have been waiting a long time for cycling, pedestrian and bus improvements here, and unless there is clear indication to the contrary, the work should carry on.

Sarah

### Councillor Sarah Free

Motukairangi Eastern Ward Councillor  
Chair, Regulatory Processes Committee

Wellington City Council

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<x@xxx >; Councillor Nicola Young <x@xxx >

**Subject:** Thorndon Quay pipes.

Hi all,

As I am sure you are aware, Diane Calvert has asked for urgent advice on immediately pausing work on Thorndon Quay until the state of the pipes can be checked. If not that, she is asking for an urgent report from WW on the state of the pipes there.

Can I please find out from each of you whether you support this (please specify if the full pause or the urgent report). If you do want to comment, please keep it short.

If you could get back to me by 1pm.

Cheers

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**Attachments:** [OIA 616 Robinson followup response re Thorndon Quay pipes.pdf](#)

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.@.. appears similar to someone who previously sent you email, but may not be that person. [Learn why this could be a risk](#)

Hi,

Does anyone want to comment (briefly) on the attached LGOIMA, showing that even with increased spending on pipes, the backlog of pipes needing replacement (under current planned funding) in the next 10 years will grow by 154km from 406km to 560km.

Do you believe these figures are accurate and does this mean Wellington's pipe issues will actually be worse in 10 years time?

Cheers

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24 May 2024

Ref: OIA-616

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Tēnā koe <sup>s7(2)(a)</sup>,

**Request for further information relating to the pipes on Thorndon Quay.**

I would like to apologise on behalf of Wellington Water if you have found this experience less than satisfactory.

Thank you for your email of 14 May 2024, in which you seek answers to questions and ask for information relating to the water services pipes in Thorndon. Wellington Water Limited ("WWL") must treat this request as an official information request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 ("LGOIMA" or "the Act").

We note the urgency of this request and will collate the documents you have requested as quickly as possible.

We have considered your request in accordance with the Act and can provide you with information related to part of your request. Initial scoping of the remainder of your request has resulted in a significant amount of information and we would like to seek further clarity from you to help confirm the scope.

As our Chief Executive offered in her email to you, we are very happy to meet with you either here at our premises or to come to the premises of the Thorndon and Hutt Road Collective.

Please see our responses to your questions in the Appendix of this letter.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email us at [official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz](mailto:official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz)

Nāku noa, nā,



**Julie Alexander**  
**Group Manager**  
**Network Strategy and Planning**

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## Appendix

### Request 1

*The draft memo was received by LGWM. It is therefore a communication and is covered by the OIA. The fact that it has “draft” written on it does not exempt it from the provisions of the OIA. Do you accept that WW has breached the Act by attempting (albeit unsuccessfully) to withhold it on the basis that it is “out of scope”? – Yes or No?. If yes, what are you going to do about it?*

### Response:

When a request for information is made, our starting point is that we make the information available unless there is good reason to withhold it (based on what’s set out in the Act). Reasons to withhold information under the Act include things like free and frank advice, confidentiality, legal privilege, and to protect privacy. WWL’s interpretation of the Act is that some documents that are in draft and not finalised can be withheld on the grounds of free and frank advice.

This document was meant to be withheld because it was a draft document which had not been finalised. The reason why this was not finalised is that it was contingent on a particular part of the Let’s Get Wellington Moving Programme progressing, which it has not.

When we balanced whether or not this was in the public’s interest to disclose this information to you, we decided that this didn’t meet the public interest test. This is because the advice and assessment in the memo were developed in 2022 (two years ago) and the figures are out of date and would need further assessment and updating.

However, now that you have received the redacted memo and there has been media interest on this matter, we have taken the decision to proactively publish your received LGOIMA response (ref OIA IRO-616) on our website: <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/about-us/official-requests/official-information-act-responses/>

### Request 2

*There have clearly been meetings/ decisions made following the date of the draft memo. Where are the records of those decisions?*

### Response:

The draft memo was sent to Let’s Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) and their consultant engineers. We have conducted an electronic search of email records of the named people in the memo. There were no records found. WWL can confirm that there were no follow-up meetings, communications and discussions between WWL and LGWM in regards the Thorndon Quay work following the memo.

### Request 3

This request relates to questions sent prior to this request to Nick Leggett, Chair of the Board of WWL.

*Hi Nick*

*I am forwarding you an email trail (sent in error) by your officers to Tom Hunt from Stuff.*

*I am concerned that my requests to WCC and WW for information concerning the condition of water infrastructure along Thorndon have been responded to with less than the utmost probity. Certainly, the email trail below indicates a serious breach of the OI Act.*

- 1. WCC:-Following my OIA request WCC (and LGWM) have advised that WCC hold no condition reports or correspondence relating to Thorndon Quay water infrastructure. . At a meeting at WCC last Thursday, an officer confirmed that his name was one of those redacted in the attached document. Clearly WCC have misinformed me. I cannot believe that they would not have information on the condition of these pipes prior to committing to a \$60m roading contract.*
- 2. WW- The email trail below speaks for itself. How on earth could the attached document be regarded as "out of scope"? What other potentially useful information has been excluded because it is "out of scope"? There must be a communication trail that follows this draft memo. If not, why not?*

### Response:

The answer to the above question is encompassed by the response to request 2.

### Request 4

*Would you please ask your CEO and her team to provide **you** "chapter and verse" information on all internal communications, communications with WCC and external advisors relating to this issue. I want to know if there will be any need, recommendation, or plan to replace or do major repairs to any pipework along Thorndon Quay within, say, the next 10 years. As the information you provide will be business related, there should not be any need to redact any names – there is no personal privacy interest.*

### Response:

WWL has undertaken an electronic search of its internal communications, communications with Wellington City Council ("WCC") and external advisors regarding the pipework along Thorndon Quay. The result of the search reveals a significant amount of responses over 7,000 in number. This does not include email and documents. This is significant amount of information and would require a large amount of people resource and time to undertake a comprehensive review. Section 17(f) of the LGOIMA allows for a request to be refused under substantial collation and research. One option is to narrow the scope of your request, so a more targeted response could be undertaken. We have already contacted you to do this.

## Request 5

*Why are there no plans to replace these pipes? We all know these pipes are shot, as the photos attest. (The December 8<sup>th</sup> explosion wasn't even recorded on your incident register that you released). I have talked to Downer's site foreman yesterday and asked him what they had found from the excavations they had carried out in the current segment of work. His reply was that from what they had seen the pipes looked to be in poor condition. Are you telling us that we have to put up with another 10 years of leaks?*

### Response:

The sections of pipe along Thorndon Quay have been identified as being in poor condition based on a preliminary assessment and have been tagged as assets that need further, more detailed investigation. Further investigation, such as a physical inspection of the pipe, would provide a fulsome picture of the state of the pipe and potential work needed.

While this work is important, it is not unique. WCC are dealing with a significant backlog of pipes in the city that are in need of renewing (replacing). WWL looks after around 2,700km of pipe assets on behalf of WCC.

Many of which are also in poor condition and need renewing. Currently, WCC has a backlog of 406km of pipe that need to be renewed. Every year the network ages and more pipes come closer to the end of the operational lives, meaning the backlog of work will continue to grow. This is a significant amount of work, and we recognise WCC needs to balance this with a wide range of other priorities across the city.

In the current draft Long-Term Plan (2024-34), WCC is proposing to invest in renewing approximately 330kms of pipe over a 10-year period. We estimate that by the end of the 10-year period, the backlog of pipes that need to be renewed will have grown to around 560kms.

To prioritise this work, we must focus on the most critical assets first (these are ones that if they break or fail would result in significant and widespread impact to the public / community). As part of our work to support WCC's Long-Term Plan, we reviewed all the work that needs to be done across the city. When compared to other more critical assets or assets that are in need of urgent work, no renewals in the Thorndon Quay and Hutt Road area were identified as in need of prioritisation for the current draft Long-Term Plan.

This means that pipes along Thorndon Quay, like many others across the city, will need to be programmed in at a later date for further investigation when funding and resources allow. We continue to monitor the condition of pipes and assets across the city as part of our ongoing programme of condition assessments. We also formally review the city's water asset renewals programme every three years as part of each Long-Term Plan period. We'll use this information and evidence as a basis for our advice to WCC who set our budgets and decide what work they can fund.

**Request 6**

*I cannot understand how the recommendations contained in the draft memo (which seem to be consistent with my layman's reading of the actual condition reports) could transform from "must do" or "should do" to – " we have no plans to do anything in the next 10 years" – It does not make sense. It does not reconcile with the knowledge and experience that local property owners have of the condition of this network. It does not reconcile with the December 8<sup>th</sup> explosion that destroyed a car (see attached photo). It does not reconcile with today's all too familiar leak (see attached photo).*

**Response:**

Please refer to the answer above.

**Request 7**

*I want to know if there will be any need, recommendation, or plan to replace or do major repairs to any pipework along Thorndon Quay within, say, the next 10 years.*

**Response:**

There are no plans to renew the pipework along Thorndon Quay in the next 10 years based on WCC's draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan. However, it is not possible to predict if repairs will be required due to breakages etc.

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**From:** [Councillor Tony Randle](#)  
**To:** [Tom Hunt](#)  
**Subject:** RE: A couple of questions  
**Date:** Monday, 27 May 2024 11:42:00 am  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Tom

1) I will repeat what I have said multiple times across the Council Table. This Council still has not made even one hard decision to postpone its ever increasing expenditure on Green Agenda initiatives in order to focus on our broken infrastructure and fix the pipes. It continues to prioritise spending on non-essential Green stuff like more cycleways over the critical and essential spending needed to fix our city.

2) RE the Airport Question, the answer is I (personally or via trusts etc) **DO NOT** have any business interests/shareholdings in any company that stands to gain from the airport share sale.

**Tony Randle**

Kaikaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Councillor

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**From:** Tom Hunt <xxx.xxxx@xxxx.xx.xx>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 27, 2024 7:57 AM  
**To:** DL: Councillors <xxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Subject:** A couple of questions

Apologies if you are getting this twice but I seem to be having some email issues.

But two questions please:

\* Does anyone want to comment (briefly) on the attached LGOIMA, showing that even with increased spending on pipes, the backlog of pipes needing replacement (under current planned funding) in the next 10 years will grow by 154km from 406km to 560km. Do you believe these figures are accurate and does this mean Wellington's pipe issues will actually be worse in 10 years time?

\* Can I please check with each of you whether you (personally or via trusts etc) have any business interests/shareholdings in any company that stands to gain from the airport share sale? If so, can I get details?

Cheers

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**Tom Hunt**  
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**From:** [Erin Gourley](#)  
**To:** [DL: Councillors](#)  
**Subject:** LTP major points  
**Date:** Tuesday, 28 May 2024 1:03:55 pm

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Kia ora councillors,

I'm working on a preview story on the LTP, going through the major issues that are likely to crop up in the meeting on Thursday. Keen to hear what you think - obviously the airport shares is a big one, but where are the other points of discussion likely to be?

Let me know via email or give me a call to discuss!

Cheers,

Erin

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**From:** [Tom Hunt](#)  
**To:** [Pearl Little](#); [Mayor Tory Whanau](#); [Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon](#); [Councillor Nureddin Abdurahman](#); [Councillor John Apanowicz](#); [Councillor Tim Brown](#); [Councillor Diane Calvert](#); [Councillor Ray Chung](#); [Councillor Sarah Free](#); [Councillor Rebecca Matthews](#); [Councillor Ben McNulty](#); [Councillor Teri O'Neill](#); [Councillor Iona Pannett](#); [Councillor Tony Randle](#); [Councillor Geordie Rogers](#); [Councillor Nikau Wi Neera](#); [Councillor Nicola Young](#)  
**Subject:** airport shares  
**Date:** Wednesday, 29 May 2024 7:38:19 am

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Hi all,

I sent this on Sunday but am still awaiting answers from many of you - are you able to get back to me by midday today? Cheers

Can I please check with each of you whether you (personally or via trusts etc) have any business interests/shareholdings in any company that stands to gain from the airport share sale?

If so, can I get details?

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**From:** [Councillor Tony Randle](#)  
**To:** [Tom Hunt](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: GM petition  
**Date:** Tuesday, 4 June 2024 1:49:35 pm

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Hi Tom

RE Karl's call to end the GM.

This council is determined to build this out-of-date design when it literally doesn't know where future busses and cycleways will go.

This is why I am moving a Notice of Motion to postpone building the GM until the council has its integrated transport plan for the CBD. We can't go on without joined up planning.

Cheers

Tony Randle

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**From:** Councillor Nicola Young <[xx@xx](#)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 1:38:24 pm  
**To:** Councillor Tony Randle <[xx@xx](#)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: GM petition

On Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 12:18 PM Councillor Nicola Young <[xx@xx](#)> wrote:

The Golden Mile plan is wickedly costly, and unnecessary, especially now Wellington has no population growth (so much for the projected 80,000 population increase). Worst of all, the plans include the removal of key bus stops: outside Farmers and the former David Jones; and outside the St James and the blighted Reading – those bus stops service the MFC, Opera House, Takina and the St James. Where's the common sense?

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**From:** Tom Hunt <[xx@xx](#)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, 4 June 2024 at 10:00 AM  
**To:** Richard MacLean <[xx@xx](#)>, Victoria Barton-Chapple <[xx@xx](#)>, Pearl Little <[xx@xx](#)>, Councillor Nicola Young <[xx@xx](#)>, Councillor Iona Pannett <[xx@xx](#)>, Councillor Geordie Rogers <[xx@xx](#)>  
**Subject:** GM petition

Hi all,

Does anyone want to comment on the attached petition calling for an end to the Golden

Mile. s7(2)(a), who ran the petition, says only four businesses would not sign and he estimated it had 90% support.

As I'm sure you will notice, some of these businesses (ie s7(2)(a)) are not directly on CP.

Cheers

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**From:** [Councillor Tony Randle](#)  
**To:** [Tom Hunt](#)  
**Subject:** RE: from Tony Randle  
**Date:** Friday, 7 June 2024 12:11:00 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Tom

No, I was not aware that KPMG was never asked to look at the effect of a no sale. (a few negatives in the question )

That said, the KPMG analysis was a factor in my decisions on both the LTP and the sale of Airport Shares in that it highlighted the dire state of this councils finances. My view is this council has a spending problem, not a revenue or asset management problem.

Cheers

Tony Randle

**Tony Randle**

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**From:** Tom Hunt <~~x@xx~~>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 7, 2024 8:33 AM  
**To:** DL: Councillors <~~x@xx~~>  
**Subject:**

Hi all,

See attached.

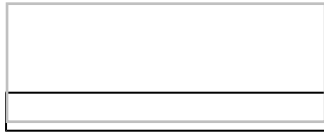
Can I check that each of you were aware that KPMG was never asked to look into the effect of a no-sale?

Thanks

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**From:** [Andrea Vance](#)  
**To:** [DL: Councillors](#)  
**Subject:** Confidential Information Sharing Protocols  
**Date:** Friday, 14 June 2024 11:41:21 am

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Good morning,

I'm writing about the recently-introduced Confidential Information Sharing Protocols and have asked a series of questions of WCC this morning.

If any councillor wishes to express a view, please email back or contact me on the number below.

Thanks,

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**ANDREA VANCE**

National Affairs Editor, The Post/Sunday Star-Times.

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**From:** [Julie Jacobson](#)  
**To:** [Councillor Tony Randle](#)  
**Subject:** Re: City to Sea bridge  
**Date:** Saturday, 22 June 2024 6:17:11 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Will do thanks

**Julie Jacobson**  
Senior Reporter

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On Sat, 22 Jun 2024 at 18:07, Councillor Tony Randle <[xx@xx](#)>  
wrote:

Hi Julie

I don't have any more info on this issue, it hasn't been a focus for me.

If you do need my view, please feel free to TXT me on **s7(2)(f)(ii)** to back up any email.

Cheers

Tony

Tony Randle

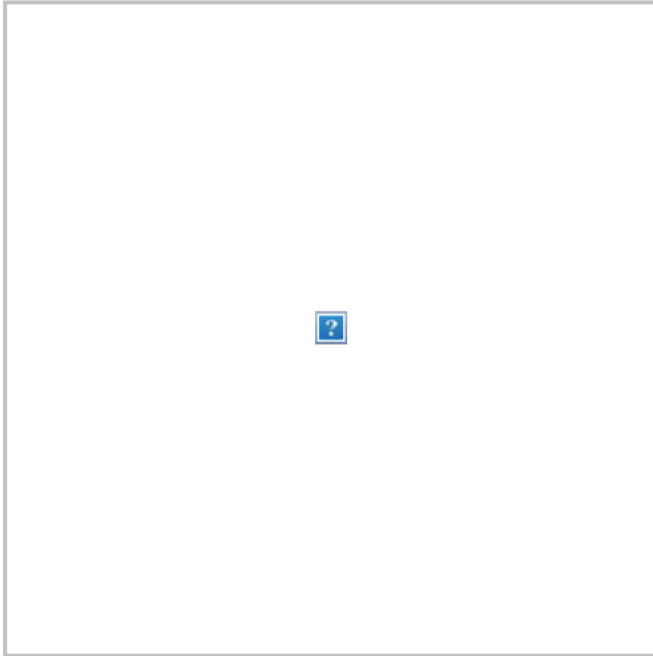
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**From:** Julie Jacobson <[julie.jacobson@stuff.co.nz](mailto:julie.jacobson@stuff.co.nz)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 22, 2024 5:40 PM  
**To:** Councillor Tony Randle <[Tony.Randle@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Tony.Randle@wcc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Re: City to Sea bridge

Yes, in today but may be able to do a follow up if you have more info. I asked the media team for the the Spencer's Holmes report but still haven't received it

<https://www.thepost.co.nz/nz-news/350314972/fight-save-city-sea-bridge>

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On Sat, 22 Jun 2024 at 16:21, Councillor Tony Randle <[xx@xx](mailto:xx@xx)> wrote:

Hi Julie

Sorry I missed this email from you about the City to Sea Bridge.

Have you done your story on this?

Cheers

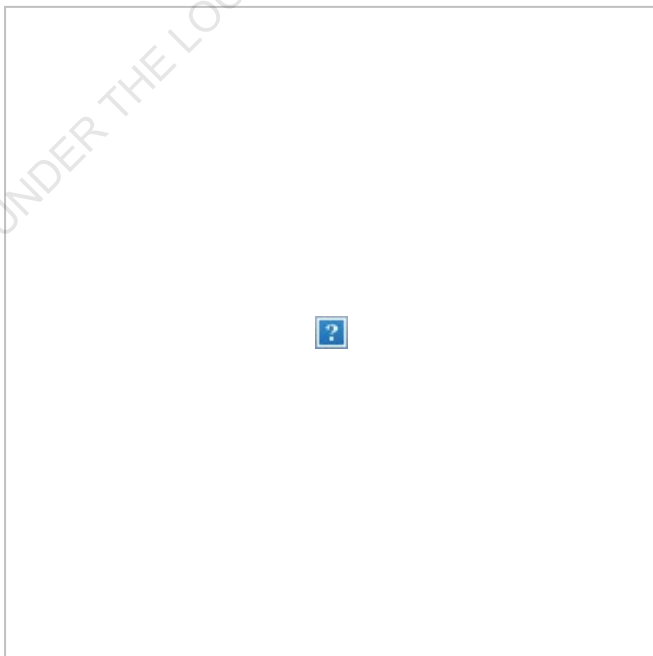
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**From:** Julie Jacobson <[xx@xx](mailto:xx@xx)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 4:03 PM  
**To:** Councillor Tony Randle <[xx@xx](mailto:xx@xx)>  
**Subject:** City to Sea bridge

Hi Tony

I'm trying to find out where the council is with the city to sea bridge. I know you were going to put an amendment to demolish it, and that it's been decided some \$\$\$ (\$65m??) has been allocated to looking at options including demolition. But is there anything new since that was voted on?

And a comment on why you think it should go....

Thanks

Julie

**Julie Jacobson**  
Senior Reporter

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**From:** [Tom Hunt](#)  
**To:** [DL: Councillors](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, 25 June 2024 7:20:32 pm

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FYI all- we are going to have video/photographer at tomorrow's meeting if people want to make themselves presentable... not to suggest you wouldn't otherwise

**Tom Hunt**  
Senior reporter

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**From:** [Julie Jacobson](#)  
**To:** [Councillor Diane Calvert](#); [Councillor Nicola Young](#); [Councillor Ray Chung](#); [Councillor Tony Randle](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Thorndon Quay-Is GWRC aware that WCC are about to install 5 raised signalised crossings on this bus route?  
**Date:** Tuesday, 2 July 2024 8:40:56 am  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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### Morning Councillors

I am writing a piece about these crossings and am just checking I can use these comments you have sent to s7(2)(a).

Also I see they will be signalised, so 6 signal controlled crossings on less than 2km of main arterial road. Thoughts on that? I have asked about costs but have been advised that would be difficult to provide given it's all under one budget. Assuming extra cabling, lights and poles will add quite a bit

Thanks

Julie

**Julie Jacobson**  
Senior Reporter

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Date: Tue, 2 Jul 2024 at 08:31

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To: Julie Jacobson <[xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xx)>

Good morning Julie

FYI see email below from Councillor Tony Randle advising that WCC approved the proposed raised crossings when they passed a Traffic Resolution.

So some Councillors should have been aware of what they were supporting.

Kind regards

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From: **Councillor Tony Randle** <[xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>

Date: Tue, Jul 2, 2024 at 8:22 AM

Subject: RE: Thorndon Quay-Is GWRC aware that WCC are about to install 5 raised

signalised crossings on this bus route?

To: Councillor Nicola Young <[xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>, **s7(2)(a)**  
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<[xxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>

Hi Guys

Just for the record, that these pedestrian crossings were to be raised is shown on the road diagrams of the Traffic Resolution.

Also for the record, I think putting in raised pedestrian crossings that are already signalised is simply crazy.

Cheers

Tony

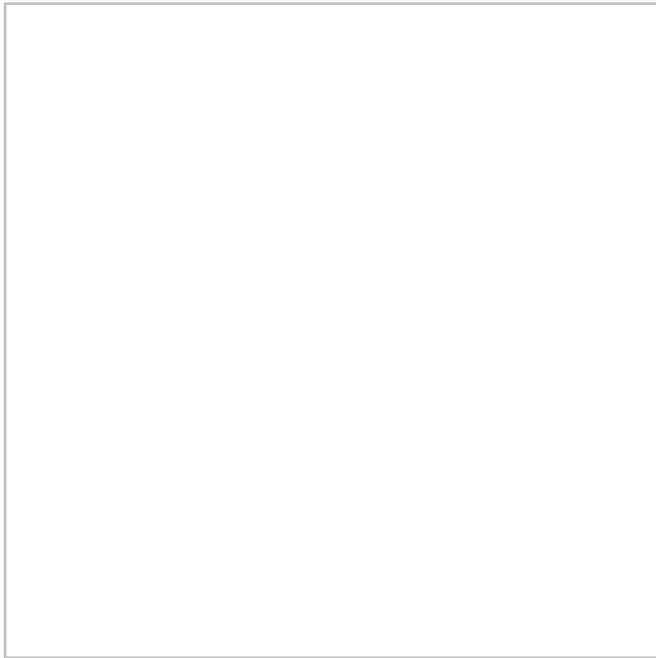
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**From:** Councillor Nicola Young <[xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 1, 2024 10:09 PM  
**To:** s7(2)(a) <[s7\(2\)\(a\)@gmail.com](mailto:s7(2)(a)@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Councillor Tony Randle <[xxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>; Councillor Ray Chung <[xxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>; Councillor Diane Calvert <[xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>; Councillor Nureddin Abdurahman <[xxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** Re: Thorndon Quay-Is GWRC aware that WCC are about to install 5 raised signalised crossings on this bus route?

Hello s7(2)(a). I was talking with a friend whose husband died from Motor Neurone disease last year. He had a number of ambulance trips & the bumping was agonising for him – especially on the trip that turned out to be his last. She’s convinced the bumping hastened his death. NMJ

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**From:** Councillor Diane Calvert <[xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Date:** Monday, 1 July 2024 at 8:36 AM  
**To:** s7(2)(a) <[s7\(2\)\(a\)@gmail.com](mailto:s7(2)(a)@gmail.com)>, Councillor Tony Randle <[xxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>, Councillor Ray Chung <[xxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>, Councillor Nicola Young <[xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>, Councillor Nureddin Abdurahman <[xxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** RE: Thorndon Quay-Is GWRC aware that WCC are about to install 5

raised signalised crossings on this bus route?

Our Council has a love of speed bumps and making it difficult for any vehicle and pedestrians. They would much rather put in a speed bump than a proper bus stop.

I despair.

Diane

Councillor Diane Calvert

Wellington City Council | Wharangi/Onslow-Western Ward

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**Sent:** Sunday, June 30, 2024 1:44 PM

**To:** Councillor Tony Randle <[xxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>; Councillor Ray Chung <[xxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.x](mailto:xxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.x)>; Councillor Nicola Young <[xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>; Councillor Nureddin Abdurahman <[xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.x](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.x)>; Councillor Diane Calvert <[xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Thorndon Quay-Is GWRC aware that WCC are about to install 5 raised signalised crossings on this bus route?

Good afternoon Tony, Ray, Nicola, Nureddin and Diane

I was shocked to find out yesterday that WCC is about to construct 5 raised signalised crossings on Thorndon Quay-- see WCC letter sent to a local business.



This will be uncomfortable to bus passengers who will suffer a slower less comfortable journey courtesy of WCC.

The at grade signalised crossing on Cobham Drive works well so why do we need 5 raised crossings?

Did Councillors approve these raised crossings- surely you have more common sense?

Also, why does WCC install raised crossings on bus routes eg Glenmore St and Ngaio road when Auckland Transport does not allow them on bus routes?

I look forward to your response.

Regards

**s7(2)(a)**

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Date: Sun, Jun 30, 2024 at 11:40 AM

Subject: Thorndon Quay-Is GWRC aware that WCC are about to install 5 raised signalised crossings on this bus route?

To: **s7(2)(f)(ii)** <[s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)@gw.govt.nz](mailto:s7(2)(f)(ii)@gw.govt.nz)>

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Good morning s7(2)(f)(ii)

I was shocked to find out yesterday that WCC are proposing to install 5 raised signalised crossings on Thorndon Quay.-- see enclosed letter and drawing sent to a local business.

This is a major bus route for buses to Johnsonville and I wondered if GWRC was aware of these proposed crossings?

The signalised crossing on Cobham Drive is not raised but has been proven to be safe for pedestrians and cyclists to cross a 4 lane road.

I find it unbelievable that WCC installs raised crossings on bus routes in Wellington when Auckland Transport forbids them on bus routes in Auckland.

Regards

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**From:** [Erin Gourley](#)  
**To:** [Councillor Tony Randle](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Residents Monitoring Survey comments?  
**Date:** Wednesday, 3 July 2024 2:39:23 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thanks Tony.

**Erin Gourley (she/her)**  
Reporter

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On Wed, 3 Jul 2024 at 13:06, Councillor Tony Randle <[xx@xx](#)> wrote:

Hi Erin

This city is on the wrong track and this survey shows residents know it. But Wellingtonian's are still waiting for most councillors to recognise we need to change direction and focus on what communities want rather than continuing with cycleways and LGWM.

And there's likely no increase satisfaction with council decision. 17% to 20% is within the margin of survey error.

Cheers

Tony

Tony Randle

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 3, 2024 12:54 PM  
**To:** DL: Councillors <[councillors@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:councillors@wcc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Residents Monitoring Survey comments?

Kia ora koutou,

I know lots of you are taking a break at the moment but please let me know if you'd like to make a comment on the results of the latest Residents Monitoring Survey!

Especially interested in these numbers so far: Pride in the city is at an all time low of 50%, and is especially poor in the city centre at just 37%, but satisfaction with council decision making is up slightly from 17% to 20%.

Cheers,

Erin

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**From:** [Tom Hunt](#)  
**To:** [Richard MacLean](#); [Victoria Barton-Chapple](#); [DL: Councillors](#)  
**Subject:** Bike counters  
**Date:** Tuesday, 9 July 2024 8:39:30 am

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Hi all,

I see that across virtually all bike counters in the city, cycle trips are dropping compared to last year:

<https://www.transportprojects.org.nz/cycle-data/#showdata/electronic/100041856/2023-06-01>

Does the council want to comment on why this is?

And if any councillors want to comment, please do (briefly!)

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Senior reporter

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**From:** [Erin Gourley](#)  
**To:** [DL: Councillors](#)  
**Subject:** See ya (almost)  
**Date:** Friday, 12 July 2024 2:09:09 pm

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Kia ora councillors,

Just wanted to let you all know that next Thursday is my last day at The Post **s7(2)(a)**  
**[REDACTED]**.

I've enjoyed reporting on the council these past few years but will be glad to purge my brain of information about your LTP. Seriously though, thanks for all for the stories and comments you've shared with me.

In the meantime if you have any amazing news tips I can chase for the next week this is your last chance!

All the best,

Erin

**Erin Gourley (she/her)**  
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**To:** [DL: Councillors](#)  
**Subject:** Reading Cinemas on the market  
**Date:** Sunday, 14 July 2024 10:57:40 am

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Kia ora councillors - writing a story about Reading Cinemas going on the market with all of its sites on Courtenay Place. Keen to hear your thoughts on who's likely to buy it and what the ideal development for the land would look like, you can reply here or give me a call.

Cheers,

Erin

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**From:** [Councillor Tony Randle](#)  
**To:** [Julie Jacobson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Green light for Grenada North housing development  
**Date:** Monday, 22 July 2024 7:41:00 pm  
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Hi Julie

Thanks for contacting me.

I welcome the approval of this new housing development in Grenada North. I believe the developer, Carrus, has a good reputation and has been transparent in outlining their plans for this site.

This is a good site, sunny, sheltered, and handy to the train. Hopefully, they will include a site for a local shop in this growing suburb.

I also hope and expect the resource consent conditions support improving the road links and to ensure the development does not increase stormwater runoff which is a problem along the Tawa Stream catchment.

I welcome more housing to Wellington.

Cheers

Tony

**Tony Randle**

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**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2024 4:47 PM  
**To:** Councillor Tony Randle <xxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Green light for Grenada North housing development

Hi Tony

Wondered if you wanted to comment on this?

Cheers

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Date: Mon, 22 Jul 2024 at 14:31

Subject: Fwd: Green light for Grenada North housing development

To: Wellington NDs <[xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xx.xx)>, Julie Jacobson <[xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xx.xx)>

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Date: Mon, Jul 22, 2024 at 2:05 PM

Subject: Green light for Grenada North housing development

To: <[xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xx.xx)>



## Green light for Grenada North housing development

**Source:** Environmental Protection Authority

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An independent panel has approved resource consent, subject to conditions, to subdivide approximately 23 hectares for the Jamaica Rise housing development in Grenada North, Wellington.

Grenada North Nominees Limited applied for resource consent under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020. The housing development will include approximately 213 residential units, as well as public reserves and an artificial stormwater wetland.

The resource consent conditions are in the decision report on the page linked below.

The decision comes 130 working days after the application was lodged with the Environmental Protection Authority. This does not include time when the application processing was suspended at the applicant's request.

The Environmental Protection Authority is not involved in the decision-making. We provide procedural advice and administrative support to the panel convenor, Judge Laurie Newhook, and the expert consenting panel he appoints.

[Read the Jamaica Rise decision report](#)

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**To:** [Tom Hunt](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Road cones  
**Date:** Monday, 22 July 2024 12:47:00 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Tom

Thank you for sharing this very interesting report about Auckland's traffic management and excessive use of road cones.

As a Wellington City councillor, I see and am told of excessive traffic management on a regular basis such as work on dead end residential roads. I am sure Wellington City has the same problem of traffic management always being used irrespective of whether there is a significant safety risk. As with everything the council does, the traffic safety measures included our work on roads should be aligned to the real safety risks, but it seems Wellington also adds traffic control to everything on or near a road.

Cheers

Tony Randle

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**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2024 9:30 AM

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Victoria Barton-Chapple <xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>; DL: Councillors  
<xxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>

**Subject:** Road cones

Hi all,

Attached is an EY report on traffic management in Auckland, but many of the findings appear to be NZ-wide:

- \* The current system is "defined by risk aversion",
- \* there is little consideration on the impacts on businesses and homes,
- \* TTM contractors have little incentive to work cheaper and faster,
- \* There is a TTM "overkill" across NZ

Does WCC and Tory accept these same findings could be applied to Wellington?

There are also four immediate steps recommended for Auckland - it would be good to know if WCC would consider the same:

- \* The council taking leadership of coordinating traffic management,
- \* setting up a disruption assessment tool,
- \* use 'super weekends' to get a lot of work done in a short time,
- \* Investigate compensation for businesses/ houses (which ties in with my questions from yesterday).

Will WCC consider any of these?

Will Wellington get its own report done specific to Wellington?

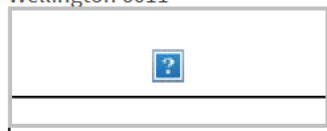
If you could get back to me by 2pm today.

Copying in councillors in case they want to comment (briefly!).

Cheers

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**Tom Hunt**  
Senior reporter  
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Hi Tom

Thanks Tom but I have no comment on this issue.

Cheers

Tony

**Tony Randle**

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**From:** Tom Hunt <~~x@xx~~>  
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Morning all,

Does anyone want to comment on Barbara McKerrow not reapplying?

Cheers

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