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Dear James,

Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA24-442

Thank you for your email of 25 October 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act (the Act):

Under the Official Information Act I request all communications between you or your office and members of the Vision for Wellington group.

[https://urldefense.com/v3/ https://www.thepost.co.nz/nz-news/360461416/wellington-movers-shakers-dames-and-knights-set-goal-capital ;!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!rZTpOt735dcoBIJjTSi8NsvyMGVcbmUwBu6nynpgQO-OZDo z-SWARjXpSbUx x UrsTp6n0zHE a0B5IzY8ZKW6WsaFwd1OwOW2HdMkW-J\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.thepost.co.nz/nz-news/360461416/wellington-movers-shakers-dames-and-knights-set-goal-capital-;!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!rZTpOt735dcoBIJjTSi8NsvyMGVcbmUwBu6nynpgQO-OZDo z-SWARjXpSbUx x UrsTp6n0zHE a0B5IzY8ZKW6WsaFwd1OwOW2HdMkW-J$)

This includes but is not limited to the following individuals reported as being members by The Post in the link above.

*Kerry Prendergast
Fran Wilde
Therese Walsh
Luke Pierson
Patsy Reddy
Peter Biggs
Mike Egan
Sarah Meikle
Kirsten Patterson
Neil Paviour-Smith
Phil Royal
Bob Jones
Aaron Leech
Mike Gazley
Simon Woolf*

This request covers the period 1 January 2024 - 25 October 2024

On 25 November 2024, you were advised that the date to respond to you had been extended by 10 working days to 9 December 2024 under section 15A(b) of the Act to make the necessary consultations.

Response to your request

I am interpreting the name "*Mike Gazley*" that you have listed in your request as "*Myles Gazley*".

A list of documents in scope of your request have been provided below in **Table one**. I am releasing three letters in full and refusing one of the attachments as it is already available.

Several texts with the individuals listed in your request have been collated with some information withheld to protect the privacy of individuals. All the documents relating to your request have been provided at **appendix A**.

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, I have given consideration to whether the withholding of information is outweighed by other public interest considerations which would make it desirable to make this information available. In this instance I do not consider this to be the case.

Access to the Ombudsman

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.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simeon Brown', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Local Government

Table one

#	Documents	Document date	Released or withheld	Reason for withholding
1	Letter to PM and Ministers Bishop and Brown Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding – Wellington Region Water Services Delivery Planning https://wellington.govt.nz/-/media/environment-and-sustainability/water/files/mou-wellington-regional-water-service-delivery-planning.pdf?la=en&hash=EAFCE3FF9CCCBBA798B08537AB9A82FCFEE51931A	10 May 2024 10 May 2024	Released Refused	N/A 18(d)
2	Letter to Dame Kerry Prendergast	17 May 2024	Released	N/A
3	Letter from Dame Kerry Prendergast	4 October 2024	Released	N/A
4	Text messages	Within time frame provided	Partially released	9(2)(a)