

OIR: 2324/793

2 April 2024

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **5 February 2024** requesting the following information:

- 1. In terms of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, please provide copies of the correspondence between the Council and the NZ Transport Agency /Waka Kotahi on the subject of the 'clip-on' cycle lane-pedestrian lane on the SH59 Bridge over the Waikanae River, since 2020.***

Please find attached the correspondence requested.

On 8 February 2024 we sent you an email explaining that the request was very broad and had resulted in close to 3000 search results when a search of our email archives was made. You confirmed that you were not interested in administrative emails arranging meetings etc and that further key words could be used to help in the search. This reduced our initial search results to around 700 emails which we further refined by taking out those that did not have any substance, such as emails replying “thanks”, “see you then”, for example.

This still resulted in a large document to review. To reduce the size of the document we removed pages that just had logos and no other information (such as the Council logo, Facebook logo etc) and removed repetitions of large attachments. Despite these efforts, the document remains large and there is still a lot of repetition in the document due to the nature of emails chains being forwarded and each of those instances being included. To reduce the repetition would have resulted in further staff time on this, when there had already been considerable time expended. A decision was made to provide the attached documents with the information you requested without further trying to reduce the size.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

Please note that details of individuals in all attached documents are withheld under section 7(2)(f)(ii) of the LGOIMA which provides for the withholding of information where it is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment. In Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

It isn't unusual for multiple projects or topics to be discussed within the one email or for an email chain to move onto different topics or projects. Where that has occurred those parts of the email have been redacted as being out of scope.

Some of the information within the document is commercially sensitive. On that basis I must withhold this information under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act which allows for Council to withhold information in order to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. In Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

This was a large request to process, and staff have spent a significant number of hours putting this information together for you.

2. *The role of Messrs Mallon and Maxwell of KCDC*

This question was transferred from NZTA. I am the Group Manager of Infrastructure responsible for KCDC Infrastructure assets. Wayne Maxwell was the former Chief Executive of Kāpiti Coast District Council.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



Sean Mallon

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Kaiwhakahaere Rōpū Anga me te Whakahaere Rawa

If you require the attachments referred to in the above letter, please contact the Information Request Team - informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz