

6 July 2021

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 16 June 2021:

Please forward me former Council Bassett's communications with the Mayor on Monday June 14th in which he copied his letter of resignation to the Mayor together with a letter setting out the reasons why he was resigning. I request both his letter of resignation and his letter to the mayor setting out the reasons why he was resigning.

The information you have requested is attached.

Please note some email addresses have been withheld under section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act to protect the privacy of individuals. In doing so, we considered the public interest in making the information available and have determined that it does not outweigh the need to protect the privacy of these persons.

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.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā

Bradley Cato
Chief Legal Officer

7(2)(a)

14 June 2021

Jo Miller
Chief Executive
Hutt City Council
LOWER HUTT

Copy to: Mayor Campbell Barry

Jo,

On 28 May 2021 the Mayor and I met and I informed him of my concerns in regard to the current Council leadership which has made it very difficult for me to carry out my governance duties I owe to the ratepayers of the City and all my fellow councillors.

I also informed the Mayor after careful consideration, I was resigning from my position as a Hutt City councillor and accordingly this letter confirms my resignation as is required in terms of the Local Government Act.

I am very proud of what Council has achieved during my 14 years as an elected member and I feel privileged to be part of this success. I also want to acknowledge and thank my fellow elected members, both past and present, staff and the ratepayers and citizens of the City for their support during my time on Council.

I wish the Council all the best for the future.

Regards

David Bassett
Councillor – Central Ward
Hutt City Council

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: David Bassett <David.Bassett@huttcity.govt.nz>
Date: 14 June 2021 at 9:39:57 AM NZST
To: 7(2)(a)
Subject: COUNCILLOR DAVID BASSETT

Campbell

On 28 May 2021 you and I met and I informed you of my concerns in regard to the current Council leadership which has made it very difficult for me to carry out my governance duties I owe to the ratepayers of the City and all my fellow councillors.

I also informed you that after careful consideration, I was resigning my position as a councillor of Hutt City Council.

In regard to the text message you sent to me following our May meeting suggesting that you would like to discuss things further, I have reflected on this suggestion and see little point in us meeting again as there is nothing more I can add to what I have already said. I also note your text refers to me making an announcement on my resignation from Council. As I said when we met, I have no intention of making any such announcement and that remains the case.

Therefore, to confirm my resignation from Council and to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act, I attach a copy of my letter of resignation which I will be forwarding to the Chief Executive shortly.

If it is your intention to make any announcement you may use in context the content in my official resignation letter. And I would request that any media communications are shared with me for comment prior to release.

Regards

David Bassett JP
City Councillor

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