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From: Euan Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, 15 April 2020 2:16 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: LGOIMA Request

15/04/2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

We refer to your official information request dated 9 April 2020 for information regarding closing the Wainuiomata Trail Park to cyclists.

A new order made under the Health Act does not allow any kind of recreation that may expose a person to danger and may require the intervention of the emergency services.

The basis for closing is not related to recorded number of injuries. Mountain biking is an inherently risky sport and, Council isn't always made aware of injuries occurring on its sites. Moreover, the decision is related to Council being cognisant of Ministry of Health guidelines and messaging around exercising within your bubble and locally without traveling, but more importantly and you've touched on this, this facility may require emergency service intervention because of the risky activity.

We will monitor and review the use of our facilities, and may have to close them if our people aren't able to use them responsibly, in line with the Government's advice.

In order to provide you with further context in terms of the information you have requested, please note that you can find more information at this website http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/Services/Emergency-management/covid-19/our-services-and-facilities/?fbclid=IwAR2bArGAFoh14rcZPhQRCxjZlkguAhs0Y4-sToRpkd7czvcfeWvmYk_Imfs#Community-facilities

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at euan.kyle@huttcity.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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From: Contact
Sent: Thursday, 9 April 2020 1:52 p.m.
To: Corporate Records
Subject: LGOIMA Request

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Response By Email

Information requested Hello, Having seen the signs announcing that HCC has closed Wainuiomata Trail Park to cyclists while leaving it open to walkers in order to, among other things, stop "unnecessary injuries", I'm now interested in seeing the data which underpinned the council's decision. Specifically, I would like to see records of injuries in Wainuiomata Trail Park including date, activity being undertaken at time of injury, and any information you have around whether there was an ambulance call-out etc (of course I assume that this is already anonymised). If you have them, I'd also like to see minutes from the meeting where the closure decision was reached. Electronic files would be ideal, thank you. Best regards,
[REDACTED]

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