

From: [Bruce Hodgins](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Euan Kyle](#)
Subject: FW: Official Information Act request
Date: Wednesday, 15 July 2020 4:11:32 PM
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Kia ora [REDACTED]

I advise that your request for this information is granted. Accordingly please find attached the string of emails that include my communication with the Police and other related correspondence.

Bruce

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 13 July 2020 1:32 PM
To: Bruce Hodgins
Subject: RE: Official Information Act request

Bruce,

The grounds under which you refused this request no longer apply.

Please therefore forward me your report to the Police.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: Bruce Hodgins <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 September 2019 11:36 a.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Official Information Act request

Morena [REDACTED]

Further to your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act for a copy of my report to the Police, I advise that the request is declined and the information is withheld, under section 6 of the Act, on the grounds that making available the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial.

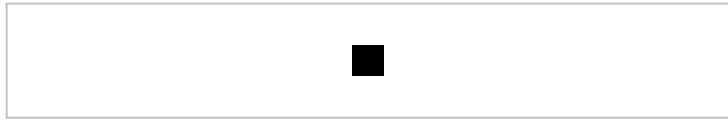
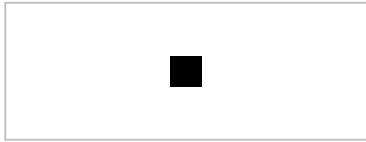
Thanks

Bruce

Bruce Hodgins

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From: Bruce Hodgins
Sent: Monday, 16 September 2019 12:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Jo Miller
Subject: RE: Official Information Act request

Thanks [REDACTED]. This is to acknowledge your request for the information that was forwarded to the Police regarding an alleged breach of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

I am currently considering your request in terms of the provisions of the Act and will advise you later this week as to whether that information will be made available to you or will be withheld.

Bruce

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 13 September 2019 2:32 PM
To: Bruce Hodgins
Cc: Jo Miller
Subject: Official Information Act request

Please forward me a copy of the report you have forwarded to the Police this month in relation to breaches of electoral law by Ray Wallace.

The complainants details can be redacted.

Many thanks,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Euan Kyle

From: Bruce Hodgins
Sent: Wednesday, 15 July 2020 2:18 PM
To: Euan Kyle
Cc: Bradley Cato
Subject: FW: Local Election Complaint

Here is the full string with the two complainants at the bottom.

Bruce

From: MCKEE, Warwick [mailto:Warwick.Mckee@police.govt.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 11 September 2019 12:47 PM
To: Bruce Hodgins
Subject: Local Election Complaint

Thanks Bruce,

I will forward them on accordingly – nil further at this time thanks.

Warwick

Warwick McKee

Detective Senior Sergeant |
O/C Wellington Area CIB |
Wellington Area CIB |

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From: Bruce Hodgins [mailto:bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 11 September 2019 11:19 AM
To: MCKEE, Warwick <Warwick.Mckee@police.govt.nz>
Subject: Local Election Complaint

Hi Warwick.

In previous elections you have been our local Police contact in respect of possible breaches of the Local Electoral Act.

I have received two complaints (both shown at the bottom of this email) regarding the fact that mayoral candidate Ray Wallace did not have authorisation statements on some of his election signs.

This may be considered a breach of the Act if the candidate knowingly did not display the authorisation statement.

As required by section 138 of the Local Electoral Act I am required to forward the complaint to the Police along with any matters I consider relevant.

I would advise that Mr Wallace did not have the necessary statement on some of his signs for a few days but has since arranged for the required wording to be added.

Mr Wallace claims that he did have the statement on the signs but that they must have been removed by others.

I have copied in the email string relating to this matter.

Would you please acknowledge receipt of this complaint and let me know if you require further information.

Bruce Hodgins
Electoral Officer 0274 820 461

From: Bruce Hodgins
Sent: Friday, 6 September 2019 4:09 PM
To: 'William Wallace'
Subject: RE: Formal Written Complaint

Thanks Ray for your explanation. I will pass this information on to the police with the complaint.

In terms of your request for a copy of the complaint I advise that I am willing to release the complaint itself (copied below), but will not at this stage release the name of the person who has lodged the complaint. I am withholding this information in terms of section 6A of LGOIMA. The Police on considering the matter may well decide to release the name of the complainant should they decide to prosecute.

Regards
Bruce

From: William Wallace [mailto:w Wallace@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Friday, 6 September 2019 10:16 AM
To: Bruce Hodgins
Subject: Re: Formal Written Complaint

Hi Bruce

I wish to advise the authorisation panel was implemented when the mobile sign was in flashing

mode. When instructed by you to stop flashing mode I placed authorisation stickers to the bottom of the screens.

On checking this morning those stickers have all been removed. I believe this to be an orchestrated event so that this letter could be submitted to you.

I officially requested a copy of this complaint as I believe the same person or group of people are responsible. It is my intention to forward these names to the police for investigation because if they have damaged in any way these mobile units I will be charging them with wilful damage.

Please regard this as an official information request as I feel I must get to the bottom of this matter given some person or person are attempting to slur my good name.

I will organise for more fully readable authorisation stickers to fixed to the mobile units as soon possible.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

regards
Ray

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> On 06 September 2019 at 08:18 Bruce Hodgins wrote:

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> Morena Ray

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> Yesterday evening I received a formal written complaint from a person alleging you are in breach of the Electoral Act 2001 in that you have knowingly not put an authorising statement on some of your electoral advertising, namely the three electronic variable message signs.

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> You indicated to me on Tuesday this week that you would ensure an authorisation statement would appear on these signs.

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> Yesterday afternoon at approximately 1.20pm I inspected the sign located on the corner of Fitzherbert and Best Streets in Wainuiomata on my way to a meeting and observed that there was no authorisation statement on the sign.

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> This morning at approximately 5.15am on my way into work I observed that the sign on private property

on the corner of Page Grove and Eastern Hutt Road also did not have displayed the authorisation statement.

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> I advise that in terms of s138 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, I am required (I don't have a choice) to report the alleged complaint to police and provide the police with details of any enquiries that I undertake.

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> Before I forward the complaint to the Police along with my enquiries please provide me with any further information regarding this matter.

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> Would you please ensure that legible authorisation statements are placed on the signs forthwith or otherwise turn them off.

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> I have given this some thought and believe that as the signs are illuminated and therefore can be read at night, you will need to ensure that your authorisation statement can also be read at night. That in my mind would meet the spirit and intent of the Act.

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> Thanks for your help with this.

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> Bruce

Second Complaint

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 6 September 2019 4:17 PM
To: Bruce Hodgins
Subject: Ray Wallace electronic signs

Section 7(2)(a) protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons; or

Hi Bruce

I would like to make an official complaint about the electronic signs promoting Ray Wallace with "re-elect Mayor Ray Wallace" and "Vote Ray Wallace"

By law it is a requirement for these signs to have an authorisation statement on them. Neither of them have an authorisation statement.

Can you please advise Ray to remove these unauthorised signs as soon as possible.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

First Complaint

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 5 September 2019 8:33 PM
To: Bruce Hodgins
Subject: Formal Complaint

Hi Bruce,

I would like to lay a formal complaint about Ray Wallace's electronic signs. They do not have authorisation statements on them - Which is in breach of the act governing local elections.

This is a serious breach, I would appreciate if you investigate this and take the action which is

required. They should be turned off.

Kind Regards



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