

9 May 2022

Matthew Young

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Tēnā koe Matthew

**Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987**

We refer to your official information request dated 12 April 2022 for the following:

*The 2019 Lower Hutt City Greenhouse Gas Inventory says on page 9 that there was a "19% drop in vehicle kilometres travelled within the city over this time". Can I please be provided with the underlying data/calculations that support this statement?*

The total vehicle kilometres (VKT) figures for Lower Hutt in 2010 and 2019 are:

2010 878,559,808 Total VKT (km)

2019 709,358,750 Total VKT (km)

This is a decrease of over 19%.

This data is publicly available on the Waka Kotahi website [here](#). Refer to 'Vehicle use (VKT) 'Vehicle Kilometres Travelled' within Road Controlling Authority areas, in each region and in NZ...over the last 10 years.

Please note that this letter may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā



Susan Sales

**Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy**

**From:** Susan Sales  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 May 2022 9:20 am  
**To:** Matthew Young <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** LGOIMA request for information - LGOIMA2022-0020 -Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Morena Matthew

The responses to your follow-up questions of 9 May 2022 are provided below:

1. There is a mistake in the text, and the 19% change is from 2010 to 2019. Territorial authority level VKT data has only been available since 2010. Prior to this, regional level VTK data and fuel sales data were used with a proxy to distribute sales between the territorial authorities within the region.

VKT data for 2010 and 2011 has been previously provided by Waka Kotahi. This information no longer appears on the Waka Kotahi website. This may be due to a change in data collection or methodology. The total VKT figures that we have on record for Hutt City for 2010 and 2011 are 878,559,808 km and 705,237,426 km, respectively.

2. As noted above, this should read 2010. We have checked these figures and this is the data that was provided to us from Waka Kotahi. There is no indication that this is incorrect data.

I trust that this clarifies the Hutt City Council's response to your LGOIMA.

**Susan Sales**

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On Mon, 9 May 2022 at 19:26, Matthew Young <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thanks Susan for the response, the data at the provided link is a useful resource which I wasn't previously aware of. A couple of queries arising from the response however:

1. I perhaps should have been clearer with the text quoted in my request but the time period referred to in page 9 of the Lower Hutt Greenhouse Gas Inventory is between 2001 and 2019, not 2010 and 2019. Is this a typo and the response should read 2001? If so, the underlying data for this is not available via the Waka Kotahi link as far as I can see- the data only goes back to 2011/12. It would be good if HCC could provide this if it is held by the Council.
2. If the response is meant to read 2010 the provided figure appears suspect. As noted the Waka Kotahi data only goes back to 2011/12 where the total VKT (km) is recorded as 695,355,695- if both figures are true this would represent a 20+% reduction in the course of a year or two when the Waka Kotahi data doesn't show a declining trend at all. Could you please have someone check this if it is indeed meant to read 2010?

Ngā mihi,  
Matt