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Erik Swart

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Dear Erik

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

We refer to your official information request dated 26 April 2025 for Information on Melling Bridge and Park and Ride.

We have been in contact with our partners and organisations responsible for the works you're enquiring about. Responses to your questions are as follows (noting some works have been completed since your email):

1. When will the park & ride at the old skate park open again for train commuters? When will the road closure at the larger park & ride car park toward the old skatepark be lifted?

Wellington Water advised that the Park & Ride at Melling Station remained open to train commuters throughout Wellington Water's works on the sewer main, although detours may have been required due to road closures at the time. We are aware NZTA has some fencing around the old skate park demolition site, but the original parking areas are open for train commuters.

2. When will the Hutt river walkway starting at that car park reopen to pedestrians?

Greater Wellington have advised here is a minor detour to the Hutt River walkway starting at that car park. Access to the walk alongside the river from that car park, up to and beyond Belmont School to the north remains open. The detour is to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists while is carried out by Greater Wellington (GW) to strengthen and support the riverbanks from erosion. That work will continue through to the spring of 2025.



3. The single lane at the melling traffic lights heading from the city - when will this revert to double lane as before?

Confirming that Wellington Water removed this traffic management set-up when they completed their work at the end of April and the single lane heading towards Wellington City is back to double lanes. The northbound lanes towards Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt are also back to normal.

4. How long will these disruptions continue overall?

Wellington Water completed works on the Western Hills Mains Sewer during the school holiday period. We understand their crews completed any tidying up works at night in the weeks following, and they did not expect these to be disruptive or visible to road users.

As above, the GW project on the Hutt River walkway will continue through to the spring of 2025.

As you may already be aware, we are anticipating further works in this area as we move increasingly into the delivery stages of Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink). Extensive planning is underway to minimise disruption and upcoming works will be communicated to the public ahead of time.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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