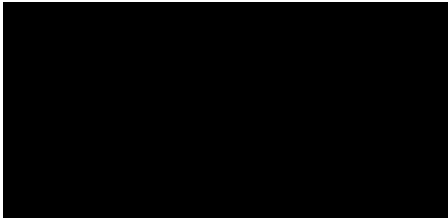




26 September 2024

Dave Hanley



Dear Dave Hanley

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

We refer to your letter dated 23 September 2024 asking for the cost of an advertisement HCC put in the Hutt News on 19 September 2024.

Response:

This content is part of a broader ongoing communication programme to keep people informed about the Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) programme of work being delivered by NZ Transport Agency, Greater Wellington Regional Council and Hutt City Council.

It serves as a key communication tool to keep Lower Hutt residents informed about our city's most significant infrastructure programme. As the largest project of its kind, its impact will be felt across the entire city, making it essential for residents to stay updated on progress and key developments. While we use a variety of communication channels, including social media, we recognise that many in our community do not have access to these platforms. The inclusion of this content in the local newspaper ensures we reach a broader audience, particularly those who rely on traditional media for information.

The content on the 19 September 2024 focused on the project name, which was gifted by Mana Whenua. The name holds deep significance, and the aim was to explain its origins and meaning. This not only builds public awareness but also reinforces our ongoing partnership with Mana Whenua, both for this project and for future collaborations.



The funding for this content is split between NZ Transport Agency (60%), Greater Wellington Regional Council 25% and Hutt City Council (15%). Whilst the overall costs was \$1,500, the Hutt City Council share cost \$225.

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 response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website. Please refer to the following link: www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contactus/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases

Yours sincerely

Jenny Livschitz

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