



5 August 2025

Alan Waller

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Tēnā koe Alan,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 17 July 2025, asking for Information on the Local Government Conference held in Christchurch, during July 2025. Specifically, you requested:

Concerning the local government conference in Christchurch July 2025:

- 1. Have Hutt city council got any representatives at this conference.*
- 2. How many representatives and the names of these representatives at the local govt conference in Christchurch.*

One of the remits put forward by local govt New Zealand was ratepayer money to be used for a campaign against rates capping.

Can I please have the names of the representatives from Hutt city council who:

- 3. Voted for this resolution.*
- 4. Voted against this resolution*

Answer:

Yes, Hutt City Council had representatives at the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) conference held in Christchurch in July 2025.

Mayor Campbell Barry and Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis attended the conference, along with Councillors Chris Parkins, Josh Briggs, and Naomi Shaw. Jo Miller, Chief Executive, was also present in her professional capacity.

With regard to the remit about using ratepayer funds for a campaign against rates capping, Council does not hold information about whether a vote took place or how individual representatives may have voted. The LGNZ conference is an external event run by LGNZ, which is a separate organisation and not part of Council.

It is important to note that LGNZ is not subject to the LGOIMA, and Council has no grounds for believing that any other agency subject to the Act holds this information. As such, we are refusing this part of your request under section 17(g)(i) of the LGOIMA.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: [How to make a complaint | Ombudsman New Zealand](#), or freephone 0800 802 602.

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