

29 August 2022

Mark Armstrong  
[REDACTED]

Tēnā koe Mark

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

We refer to your official information request dated 31 July 2022 for information about attendees at the recent LGNZ conference in Palmerston North.

Our responses to each question are provided below.

- 1. All advice asked for by Local Government NZ (LGNZ) and provided to LGNZ by HCC in respect of the decision by LGNZ to decline members representing the Tax Payers Union, and any other similar organisation, from attending the recent LGNZ conference in Palmerston North.*
- 2. Specifically for Chris Milne, a Hutt City Councillor, all advice asked for by LGNZ and provided to LGNZ by HCC that justified the banning of him from the conference based on [REDACTED] reported comments "not if he's representing the Taxpayers' Union."*

Hutt City Council did not receive any communication or request for advice from LGNZ in respect of Taxpayers Union members, or those of similar organisations, attending the LGNZ conference.

- 3. All communications by HCC with any Minister, or members of their staff; and all government officials in respect to LGNZ declining members of the Tax Payers Union, and any other similar organisation, from attending the conference.*
- 4. All communications by HCC with any Mayors, or members of their staff; and all local government officials in respect to LGNZ declining members of the Tax Payers Union, and any other similar organisation, from attending the conference.*
- 5. All communications by HCC with any other government official in respect to LGNZ declining members of the Tax Payers Union, and any other similar organisation, from attending the conference.*
- 6. All communications by HCC with any organisation or person in respect to LGNZ declining members of the Tax Payers Union, and any other similar organisation, from attending the conference.*

*7. All communications by HCC with the Tax Payers Union in respect to LGNZ declining members of the Tax Payers Union from attending the conference.*

Hutt City Council had no communications with any Minister, government agency, organisation, elected official or other person declining members of the Tax Payers Union, and any other similar organisations, from attending the LGNZ conference.

*8. All communications by HCC to any of the entities listed above in respect of HCC processing my request.*

Your information request can only apply to official information held by Hutt City Council as at the date of your request, 31 July 2022. Hutt City Council had had no communication with LGNZ on this matter as at that date.

As Hutt City Council does not hold advice or communications relevant to your information request, your request for this material is refused under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA, on the grounds that that the information requested is not held by Hutt City Council and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another agency, or connected more closely with the functions of another agency.

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 [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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