



12 April 2024

Hannah Clow

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Dear Hannah Clow

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

We refer to your official information request dated 13 March 2024. We will answer each of your questions in turn.

*a. All information relevant to the Hutt City Council's removal of NZCPR's insert from Sir Āpirana Ngata's "The Treaty of Waitangi – an Explanation" from its premises including but not limited to:*

*i. The number of inserts removed.*

**Response:**

We did not record or tally how many inserts were removed.

We had previously understood there to be a small number (approximately 6-12) inserts removed.

Subsequently we have been advised that approximately 580 Hutt Newspapers are delivered to some council sites each week. On this basis we are unable to specify with certainty how many inserts were removed.



- ii. *The name(s) of the newspaper(s) that were removed and/or newspaper(s) the insert was removed from.*

**Response:**

The Hutt News.

- iii. *The relevant Council-owned premises.*

**Response:**

War Memorial Library

Eastbourne Library

Wainuiomata Neighbourhood Hub

Petone Library

Moera Library

Naenae Neighbourhood Hub

Walter Nash Stadium

Koraunui Stokes Valley neighbourhood hub

Admin Building (Front Desk)

- b. *The number of publications by Sir Āpirana Ngata currently held by Hutt City Council on any of its premises, including any websites or online databases.*

**Response:**

The Council currently has 14 copies.

c. *All communications relating to the Council's removal of the insert from Sir Āpirana Ngata's "The Treaty of Waitangi – an Explanation" from its premises.*

**Response:** This information has been the subject of two other requests under the Act. These requests will be published at: [Proactive releases | Hutt City Council](#). Therefore, we are refusing this part of your request under section 17(d) of the Act, as the information requested is or will soon be made available.

d. *All communications relating to other instances where the Hutt City Council has removed an advertisement, publication, or written material of any kind from its premises.*

**Response:**

Council previously removed a publication in 2022. Requests were made under the Act regarding that matter. These responses have been published on our website at:

[Mark Crowsley newspapers in libraries during election period.](#)

[Leigh Sutton pre-election removal of publications from libraries.](#)

Therefore, we are refusing this part of your request under section 17(d) of the Act, as the information requested is or will soon be made available.

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](http://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](http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contactus/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases)

Yours sincerely

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