

2 February 2024

File Ref: OIAPR-1274023063-24814

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### **Request for information 2023-310**

I refer to your request for information dated 15 December 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 15 December 2023. You have requested the following:

*“Please supply the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act:*

*All documents, including but not exclusive to briefings, submissions, papers, aide memoires, weekly bullets and memos, produced by the Greater Wellington Regional Council relating to the Government’s Future of Rail project, specifically about the Cook Strait crossing, between October 2018 and July 2021.*

*All letters and official correspondence, including any attached documents or other material, produced by the Greater Wellington Regional Council for KiwiRail, the Marlborough District Council, the Treasury, and the Ministry of Transport relating to the Government’s Future of Rail project, specifically about the Cook Strait crossing, between October 2018 and July 2021.*

*If you need any more information from me please let me know as soon as possible. I am happy to consider amending the request”*

### **Greater Wellington’s response follows:**

Greater Wellington emailed you for clarification on your request on the 30 January 2024, and our media team tried to contact you on 1 February 2024 to discuss this request. We did not receive a response to either of these attempts to contact you.

Greater Wellington conducted multiple searches using our internal content search system for documents using keywords “Future of Rail” and “Cook Strait crossing” between October 2018 and

July 2021, including and excluding the relevant parties such as KiwiRail, Marlborough District Council, the Treasury, and the Ministry of Transport. However, we could not find any documentation produced by Greater Wellington that was relevant to your request.

We are therefore refusing your request for information under section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), on the basis that the information requested is not held by Greater Wellington and there are no grounds for believing that the information is either

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- (i) Held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation; or
- (ii) Connected more closely with the functions of another local authority, or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

#### **Additional information**

We note that the Government's Future of Rail, Metlink and KiwiRail's Future Rail (more information available on our website here: <https://www.metlink.org.nz/news-and-updates/news/futurerail/#:~:text=Future%20Rail%20is%20a%20collection%20of%20projects%20underway,existing%20infrastructure%20and%20adding%20capacity%20to%20the%20network>), the multi-agency InterIsland Multi-User Ferry Terminal Precinct Project, and KiwiRail's iRex Project are all separate projects.

If you wish to put in a new request for information you are welcome to do so. If it would assist you in making a new request, please feel free to contact our Media team (comms@gw.govt.nz).

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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