

11 March 2025

File Ref: OIAPR-1274023063-36417

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2025-059

I refer to your request for information dated 28 February 2025, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 28 February 2025. You have requested the following:

“Data on petitions received by council for the period 01 Jan 2015 - 31 Dec 2024.

- 1. The petition statement*
- 2. The number of signatures received*
- 3. If approved, the date the petition was presented to a council/committee meeting”*

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

A search of our records indicates that Greater Wellington received 13 petitions falling within the scope of your request between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2024. Relevant details are set out below:

Number	Petition Statement	Number of Signatures	Date presented to Council/ Committee meeting
1	Immediately put a stop to aerial spraying of harmful herbicides in Queen Elizabeth Park, publicly owned, leased land. The herbicides used are: glyphosate (roundup), metsalfuron, picloram, 2,4-D and triclopyr, and is rendering the park lifeless and barren.	930	9 December 2015 – Council meeting

2	To: Councillor Paul Swain, Chair of the Wellington Regional Transport Committee, Keep Our Buses Clean: We don't want to see Wellington's trolley buses ditched for outdated diesel buses. We call on you to start Wellington's transition to cleaner, more attractive public transport, and find a better solution for our buses than diesel. We support keeping the trolley buses in action until we can shift directly to other clean transport options such as electric buses or modern trams.	2022	9 December 2015 – Council meeting
3	The Wellington Regional Council is proposing to change the route of the Highbury bus service (route 20)* Under the proposal bus users will no longer have direct access to Kelburn Village; health services; early childhood education; the primary school; Victoria University, and the Terrace . Students travelling to Wellington Girls College, Wellington East Girls College and Wellington College will also be disadvantaged. The proposed change will have a significant negative impact on our community. Those most affected will be the most vulnerable - the young, the old and the income poor	574	19 September 2017 – Sustainable Transport Committee
4	Wairarapa rail passengers want their service on time and travel in reasonable comfort	529	21 March 2018 – Sustainable Transport Committee
5	I value the contribution that bus drivers make to the bus network in the Wellington region. Wellington's bus drivers should not have their jobs taken from them or get paid less to do the same work when the Wellington Regional Council makes a decision to change the bus contracting company. I want Greater Wellington Regional Council to provide job security for Wellington's current bus drivers. And I want the Greater Wellington Regional Council to show they value bus drivers too, and make sure that bus drivers are protected and have security.	11,424	19 September 2018 – Sustainable Transport Committee

6	Reinstate a direct service from Mornington/Vogeltown to and from CBD	Not available	30 October 2018 – Sustainable Transport Committee
7	Direct Wellington Zoo/Wellington Railway Station Bus Service. We want to have a direct service from Wellington Railway Station to the Zoo reinstated as not having that direct connection means less people are going to the zoo on public transport opting for the car. We want a direct service returned back to the Zoo either in the form of dedicated bus route, or having terminating Courtney Place service from the North continuing into the south like route 52, 81 and 83	742	5 December 2018 – Sustainable Transport Committee
8	The GWRC provides an all-day and weekend service direct from Strathmore Park to Wellington CBD via Newtown	386	5 December 2018 – Sustainable Transport Committee
9	That, in order to inform the voting public for the local elections to be held in October, the Chair of the Sustainable Transport Committee is requested to ask the Audit Office to prepare a report on the operation by the Council of the contracts for bus services in Wellington City	21	7 August 2019 – Sustainable Transport Committee
10	Request for bus service to and from the railway station to then north end Parata Street Waikanae 5036, Wellington. A viable bus service to and from Waikanae Railway Station, this service should be reliable and available to all residents of Waikanae North	277	20 February 2020 – Transport Committee
11	To support the provision of a reliable bus service for all Waikanae residents	173	20 February 2020 – Transport Committee
12	Petition to preserve and keep farming the 1000 Hectare farm at Belmont Regional Park	1,397	18 May 2023 - Council
13	We urge you to continue the Tawa On Demand bus service, or a service like it for Tawa, and to advocate for central government funding for public transport connections within Tawa.	1,870	24 October 2024 – Transport Committee

Greater Wellington has not provided the number of signatures for petition number 6 as the original petition cannot be located and we do not have a record of the number of signatures in the meeting minutes. We did have a record of the petition statement and confirmation in the meeting minutes that this petition was presented to the Sustainable Transport Committee. We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information Act 1987 as the document alleged to contain the information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it cannot be found.

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 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where appropriate. 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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