

Reference Number: 2024/1123

23 August 2024

Tēnā koe

Thank you for email of 30 July 2024 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to the amalgamation. Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

A list from the past 12 months of all formal council meetings, briefings, workshops, councillor-only discussions, or meetings with other elected representatives from other councils in the Wellington region (either via a regional forum such as the Wellington Regional Leadership Forum, Wellington Mayoral Forum etc, or other one-one-one or group discussions) that your mayor has attended where the issue of local government amalgamation has been discussed.

Horowhenua District Council can confirm there has not been any Council meetings, briefings, workshops, Councillor-only discussions held within Horowhenua District Council regarding amalgamation.

A summary of what was discussed at each event and any actions taken as a result.

As above.

Regarding meetings external to Horowhenua District Council, Mayor Bernie attended a Wellington Mayoral Forum meeting as a guest where amalgamation was an item on the agenda. We are of the understanding that you have been provided with the content from this meeting from Greater Wellington Regional Council.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Horowhenua District Council publishes responses to Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) requests that we consider to be of wider public interest, or which relate to a subject that has been widely requested. To protect your privacy, we will not generally publish personal information about you, or information that identifies you. We will publish the LGOIMA response along with a summary of the request on our website. Requests and responses may be paraphrased.

If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Sue Fifita-Tovo on sueftp@horowhenua.govt.nz, or LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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