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**From:** official information  
**Sent:** Monday, 15 February 2021 17:29  
**To:** official information; ██████████  
**Cc:** Lauradanna Radesic  
**Subject:** RE: LGOIMA 21006 - traffic light footage / photos (RE: NZTA OIA-7562 NOTIFICATION OF PARTIAL TRANSFER) - Response

Dear ██████████

I refer to your information request transferred to Hamilton City Council by Waka Kotahi (NZTA) and the request for clarification below.

Council staff advised in January (2021) that in terms of any accidents occurring within the last four weeks, the Council would need to know the exact times, dates and locations of the alleged crashes you are interested in, to be able to retrieve the footage.

Our staff requested that you advise them no later than 28 January 2021, as to whether you were willing to clarify your request as per the above criteria.

That notwithstanding, your request for footage of crashes in the past four weeks could also be refused in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 7(2)(a): "to protect the privacy of natural persons, if any requested footage the Council may hold identifies individual vehicle owners".

If that is the case, then that would be grounds for refusal. This clarification is in keeping with the LGOIMA s10(2), which requires specificity when making requests.

Our staff have had no further correspondence from you regarding any clarification of your request.

Therefore your request is refused in accordance with the LGOIMA s17(f). This is on the grounds that the information cannot be made available without a significant amount of collation or research, (due to the absence of clarifying parameters).

Thank you for your interest and we appreciate your understanding with regard to the explanation above.

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.

Kind regards,  
Michelle  
Official Information Team

Email: [officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz)

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**From:** official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 January 2021 11:47 am  
**To:** official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>; ██████████  
**Cc:** ██████████

**Subject:** RE: LGOIMA 21006 - traffic light footage / photos (RE: NZTA OIA-7562 NOTIFICATION OF PARTIAL TRANSFER) - request for clarification and provisional decision

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Apologies, the date in the email below for a requested clarification should read:

**Can you please advise no later than 28 January 2021, whether you are willing to clarify your request by confirming the exact time, date and locations of crashes that have occurred within the past 4 weeks?**

Thanks,

**Ian Loiterton**  
A/ Official Information Officer



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**From:** official information  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 January 2021 9:42 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** LGOIMA 21006 - traffic light footage / photos (RE: NZTA OIA-7562 NOTIFICATION OF PARTIAL TRANSFER) - request for clarification and provisional decision

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I refer to your information request of 20 January 2021, Hamilton City Council requests clarification as outlined below.

**You requested (via partial transfer from NZTA as attached):**

If you are also able to release any photos and/or video of the crashes?

**Provisional decision:**

Staff advise that Hamilton City Council only keeps footage for four (4) weeks.

On that basis, the Council refuses that part of your request for footage of crashes that occurred over 4 weeks ago in accordance with the LGOIMA s17(g), on the grounds the Council does not hold the information.

**Requested clarification:**

In terms of any accidents occurring within the last 4 weeks, the Council would need to know exact times, dates and locations of the alleged crashes to be able to retrieve the footage.

This clarification is in keeping with the LGOIMA s10(2), which requires specifically when making requests.

Should you choose not to clarify your request, then the Council may need to refuse it in accordance with the LGOIMA s17(f), on the grounds the information could not be made available without significant collation or research.

The above notwithstanding, your request for footage of crashes in the past 4 weeks may be refused in accordance with the LGOIMA 7(2)(a): to protect the privacy of natural persons, if any footage the Council may hold (i.e. in the past 4 weeks only) identifies individual vehicle owners. If that is the case, then that would be grounds for refusal.

**Can you please advise no later than 28 February 2021, whether you are willing to clarify your request by confirming the exact time, date and locations of crashes that have occurred within the past 4 weeks?**

Please note, if you do amend or clarify your request, this will be considered to be a new request for the purpose of calculating the maximum statutory timeframe for the Council's decision on this matter - refer s13(7) of the LGOIMA.

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.

Regards,

**Ian Loiterton**  
A/ Official Information Officer



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From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Official Correspondence

Sent: Wednesday, 20 January 2021 10:23 AM

To: [REDACTED]

7562 NOTIFICATION OF PARTIAL TRANSFER

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached a letter advising of a partial transfer of your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 of 12 January 2020.

Your request is being partially transferred to Hamilton City Council, and you can expect to receive further correspondence from them.

Regards

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**Ministerial Services**

**Te Waka Kōtuia - Engagement & Partnerships**

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency

Head Office / 50 Victoria Street

Private Bag 6995, Wellington 6141, New Zealand



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 12 January 2021 4:07 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Official Information Act request

Hello,

This is an official information act request for the worst traffic light intersections in Hamilton for the past five years.

Could I please get the worst set of lights for crashes broken down into years ie 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020?

Could I please get that broken down into gender and ages?

Could I also get the seriousness of the crashes?

And the cause of the crashes?

If you are also able to release any photos and/or video of the crashes?

Anything else you could offer me about this topic would be appreciated.

I calculate the 20 working day deadline to be February 16, 2021

Could you please acknowledge receipt of this request via email?

Also, if all or part of the information requested cannot be provided I would like a written reason why.

Thank you,



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