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Sent: Friday, 14 May 2021 13:22
To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RESPONSE: LGOIMA 21125 - [REDACTED] - Road Sign Naming

Kia Ora,

I refer to your **information request below**, Hamilton City Council is able to provide the following response.

The process for changing a road name is outlined in our 'Naming of Roads, Open Spaces and Council Facilities Policy'. [Naming of Roads, Open Spaces, and Council Facilities Policy](#). The Planning Guidance Unit within Council process any such applications. The delegation for considering and making determinations on a road name change sits with Elected Members and is outlined below [points 16 and 17 from Policy].

16. Council will consider and determine road renaming applications originated due to the following:
 - a. Where 90 percent of the property owners on the road are in agreement to the change.
 - b. For issues of cultural sensitivity.
 - c. Where there is a demonstrated community desire.
 - d. By an elected member.
17. For applications initiated under section 16, the following process applies:
 - a. The applicant completes the application form for Road Open Space Naming/Renaming which is submitted to the Planning Guidance Unit.
 - b. The Planning Guidance Unit will notify all owners and occupiers in the road of the proposed name change.
 - c. Submissions on the proposed name change can be made to the Planning Guidance Unit within twenty (20) working days of notification.
 - d. The Planning Guidance Unit will prepare a report for Council outlining the request, the rationale for the change, the response from affected owners/occupiers on the road and a recommendation to Council.
 - e. Council will consider and determine the recommendation in regard to the change of name.
 - f. The Planning Guidance Unit will notify all owners and occupiers in the road of the decision and if applicable, the new name.
18. The costs associated with a change must be met in full by the applicant(s) except where the name change is initiated by Council Resolution.

I also wish to draw your attention to an independent report released last year which considers some of the history behind street names in Hamilton (link below) – [Historical Report](#)

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

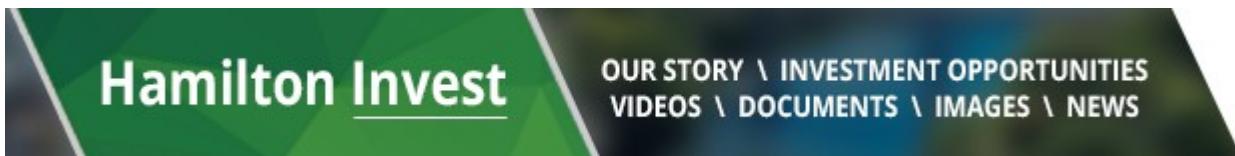
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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 14 April 2021 11:59 AM
To: "info@hcc.govt.nz" <info@hcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Inquiry into road sign naming

Kia Ora,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a third-year teaching student currently working on an assignment, at the University of Waikato, focused on local social issues in Hamilton. The social issue we are looking into is the naming of road signs around Hamilton. There have been petitions to change some of the road names that have been named after European colonizers such as Cameron, Grey, Bryce, and VonTempsky to name a few, as this causes grief within our Māori communities. After doing some research into the matter, we have discovered that Anzac Parade was originally Richmond St, then Bridge St, before being changed to Anzac parade to incite joy and comradery about Anzac Day. So we ask, why can Hamilton not change road names that incite grief and are a constant reminder of loss and defeat? How is it that we cannot reconcile these feelings within local iwi by changing these road names? The reason I am emailing you today is to ask a few questions. Who decides if a street name can be/will be changed? What is the process of getting a street name changed? Who is consulted in naming streets?

Thank you for taking the time in reading my email, I eagerly await your reply.

Nga Mihi
[REDACTED]