

## Laura Bowman

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Kia Ora,

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

Thank you for contacting Hamilton City Council regarding the Vaccine Mandate.

Council acknowledges the rights of individuals and the personal choice in whether or not to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Council also needs to do what it can to minimise the individual and community-wide harm that COVID-19 can cause as we move into the Government's Protection Framework and keep our staff, guests, and the vulnerable members of our community as safe as we can.

Rates paid to fund our facilities are fixed charges based on calculations for expenditure throughout the year. This general charge helps maintain the public facilities whether you choose to use them or not. Rates are not discounted if you choose not to or are unable to use the facilities.

We're continuing to provide services to our community in different ways where we can, including click and collect at the libraries, online access to Council meetings, and providing Zoo and Waikato Museum exhibitions virtually.

We know these are challenging times and we look forward to the day when these restrictions are no longer required.

If you have any further questions, you can visit our web page <https://www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-city/covid-19/Pages/What-Hamilton-looks-like-at-orange.aspx>

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,

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Good evening,

I have just read that you are looking to bann the unjabbed from your libraries. If this is the case, I am asking that you know longer charge me for this service in my rates. Nor any other services the unjabbed cannot use.

Good morning

The rates paid for services such as the Libraries are fixed charges based on calculations for expenditure throughout the year. These rates are not targeted and everyone pays the same rates for these services regardless if they want to use these or not. If you are wanting to make a complaint or an enquiry about the vaccination policies I can pass it along to our team working on our these policies.

Cheers

Thank you for your response. As a rate payer, a user if this service and unjabbed I find this discrimination totally unacceptable. It has been proven that both jabbed and unjabbed pose the same risk. This means none of my family can use this service and that won't help my school children. I would like to have these messages passed on to those who are dealing with this.

Hi , sure thing. Would you like to provide contact details so the team could reach you?

My phone number is email is