

23 September 2022

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Te Rapa
Hamilton 3241

To whom it may concern

Final Response to Official Information Request- LGOIMA 277882

I refer to your information request dated 11 August 2022 requesting information relating to the addition of fluoride to the water supply and the implementation of 5G and Facial Recognition Cameras.

Your Request: Fluoridation of water supply

- 1. Please supply all names and contact details of all personnel who voted for adding fluoride to the water supply.**

At the Council meeting held on the 27 March 2014, Council voted to re-commence fluoridating Hamilton City's water supply. Elected Members present at this meeting were:

Her Worship the Mayor J Hardaker
Cr G Chesterman
Cr M Gallagher
Cr K Green
Cr A King
Cr G Mallett
Cr A O'Leary
Cr R Pascoe
Cr L Tooman
Cr E Wilson
Cr P Yeung

Cr Yeung voted against the motion to re-introduce fluoridation into the drinking water supply. Cr Gallagher withdrew from the table and did not participate in either the discussion or voting on the motion to re-commence fluoridating Hamilton city's water supply. Cr Macpherson and Cr Forsyth were not at the meeting and submitted their apologies. For further information please see the Council Agenda and Minutes for the Council Meeting held on 27 March 2014. These can be accessed on our Hamilton City Council website.

Contact details for the following Councillors who currently represent the citizens of Hamilton and were involved in the above matter are:

Cr R Pascoe:
Email: rob.pascoe@council.hcc.govt.nz
Phone: 021 988 742

Cr A O'Leary:

Email: angela.oleary@council.hcc.govt.nz

Phone: 027 808 7701

Cr E Wilson:

Email: ewan.wilson@council.hcc.govt.nz

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Contact details for former Councillors will not be provided as this is private personal information. Therefore, we will be withholding this information per s7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

2. **Please supply all names and contact details of all firms, contractors or any and all personnel who were or who are now involved with this project in any way shape or form?**

IXOM Operations Pty Ltd supply fluoride in the form of Hydrofluorosilic Acid (HFA). Council staff undertakes all maintenance and monitor of the containment and dosing systems including all associated hardware, instrumentation, and equipment.

Contact details for persons involved cannot be provided as this is private personal information. Therefore, we will be withholding this information per s7(2)(a) LGOIMA.

3. **Please give an accurate accounting of how much money this local body was paid for this project.**

Council, including the elected members of the time, did not receive any form of payment to re-commence fluoridation of the drinking water supply.

Your Request: Implementation of SG and Facial Recognition Cameras and devices.

1. Please supply all names and contact details of all personnel who were involved in this matter.
2. Please supply copies of all correspondence between all and any parties involved in this project from the ab initio stage until the current time.
3. Please supply names and contact details of all and any parties who were consulted on this project.
4. Please supply copies of all documentation outlining the consultation process and contact details of those who were involved.
5. Please provide copies of tests done by independent personnel to ensure adequate safety standard were being met.
6. Please supply details of any cost/benefit studies undertaken to ensure the expenses justified the costs against public safety.
7. Please give an accurate accounting of how much money this local body was paid for this project.

Our Response:

Hamilton City Council is not involved in matters relating to the Implementation of 5G and Facial Recognition Cameras and Devices

With regard to 5G

1. Hamilton City Council does not own, implement or operate any components that relate to the 5G network. This is the domain of the telecommunication companies which are not affiliated to the Council.
2. Hamilton City Council does not operate any devices that make use of the 5G network. While some devices may be 5G capable, councils communications are centred on the lower bandwidth networks e.g. 4G.

With regard to Facial Recognition Cameras and Devices

1. Hamilton City Council does not collect or use facial recognition information.
2. Hamilton City Council do operate cameras in a number of locations for the purposes of security, and pedestrian/vehicle counting, however these devices do not recognise individuals or store information relating to the identity of individuals.

As Hamilton City Council does not hold any of the requested information regarding the Implementation of 5G and Facial Recognition Cameras and devices this information does not exist. Therefore, we are refusing this part of the request per s17(e) of 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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Regards

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