

Laura Bowman

From: Official Information
Sent: Monday, 12 September 2022 10:24 am
To: 7(2)(a) [REDACTED]
Cc: Official Information
Subject: Final Response - LGOIMA 278270 - 7(2)(a) [REDACTED] - All correspondence relating to Councils decisions around COVID-19 and

Kia Ora,

Official Information Request for information regarding Councils COVID-19 Management Decisions - LGOIMA 278270

1. I refer to your official request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA 278270) for information dated 17 August 2022.
2. You have requested: Could you please release to me under this official information request all information - documents, emails, phone calls, relating to council decisions to prevent unvaccinated persons from entering any council buildings or premises.

Publicly available information

3. Some of the information you have requested is readily available and/or in the public domain. Please see the following links:
 - a. News – 29 November 2021 – [Orange lights for Hamilton](#)
 - b. News – 6 December 2021 – [Council commits to compulsory Covid 19 staff vaccinations](#)
 - c. News – 1 April 2022 - [Council to remove staff vaccinations policy](#)
 - d. 30 November 2021 – [Extraordinary Council Meeting](#): Item 5 (Council Facilities - Vaccination Certificate Policy - Covid-19 Protection Framework)
 - e. 17 March 2022 – [Council Meeting](#) - Item 17 (Council Facilities - Vaccination Certificate Policy - Covid 19 Protection Framework – Review)

Substantial collation and/or research

4. HCC estimates that the scope of your request would require the identification and collation of tens of thousands of documents. By way of example, HCC has identified more than 750,000 items in its document databases that would need to be searched to identify the documents you have requested on just one of the topics. The process of collating the relevant documents that fall within the scope of your request and are disclosable under the LGOIMA would likely take at least several months of HCC staff time, if not longer.
5. Under s 17(1)(f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), HCC may refuse a request on the grounds that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. We also consider that other grounds for withholding are likely to apply to some of the information requested and not already provided (including s 7(2)(a) – protecting the privacy of natural persons, s 7(2)(f)- free and frank expression and s 7(2)(g)- legal privilege).

Charge for making information available

6. HCC has considered whether to fix a charge for making the information available to you under s 13 of LGOIMA (see Customer Services fees and charges | Hamilton City Council). However, the work to be done would need to be done by people with expert knowledge whose diversion from core business would have an unreasonable impact on our other options. Your request is therefore refused under s 17(1)(f) as it involves substantial collation and/or research
7. We remain happy to meet with you to discuss how your request may be able to be amended and resubmitted in a way that would make it more likely to be granted.

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.

Kind Regards,

Tatiyana
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From: 7(2)(a) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 17 August 2022 1:23 pm
To: official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>
Subject: mandates for Hamilton city council buildings

To Whom It May Concern:

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