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To: S 7(2)(a) [REDACTED]
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Subject: Final response - LGOIMA 349246 - S 7(2)(a) - Voting / Electoral information
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

Your request:

I have been reading a summary of the 'Future for Local Government' final report and notice there is a recommendation made relative to enhancing local democracy in order to increase access and representation – there are five separate suggestions:

- *Provide a 4-year electoral term*
- *Adopt ranked voting (STV)*
- *Lowering the thresholds for the establishment of Māori wards*
- *Enabling Te Tiriti-based appointments to councils*
- *Lowering the voting age for local elections to 16*

Has your council acted on any of these suggestions? If not, do you have any plans to do so?

Our response:

Please see our report on the future of local government report [Review into the future for Local Government](#). This is publicly available in our website. In relation to:

- *Provide a 4-year electoral term* – this has not been specifically addressed by Council
- *Lowering the voting age for local elections to 16* – this has not been specifically addressed by Council
- *Adopt ranked voting (STV)* – Council adopted STV ahead of the 2022 Local Body Elections – a copy of the report can be found [here](#)
- *Lowering the thresholds for the establishment of Māori wards* – Council adopted Maaori Wards as part of its representation review – a copy of the report can be found [here](#)
- *Enabling Te Tiriti-based appointments to councils* – Council has appointed Maangai Maaori to some of its committees – a copy of the report can be found [here](#)

As this information is already publicly available on our website, we are refusing your request under section 17(d) of the LGOIMA – the information is publicly available.

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.

Ngaa mihi

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

From: S 7(2)(a) [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, 11 September 2023 3:43:50 pm

To: info@hcc.govt.nz

Subject: Question

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Best Regards

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