

3 February 2023

File Ref: OIAP-7-26899

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By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2022-242

I refer to your request for information dated 15 December 2022, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 15 December 2022. You have requested the following:

“Yesterday at about 3.3pm I was following the #14 south up Grafton Road. For about 20 minutes it blocked the road because of what seemed to be sudden EV battery failure. Eventually it bunny hopped out of the way of traffic. What was the cause of the failure? Since EVs were introduced how many instances have there been of sudden battery failure? By comparison, are the EV buses equal to, the same as or worse than ICE buses? What evidence is there to support that?”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

Firstly, we apologise for the inconvenience this incident may have caused you.

Under the current operating model and partnering contract, buses are owned by and the responsibility of the operator. Operators are not required to report mechanical issues to Metlink. Metlink also does not hold specific information on the comparative performance of electric or diesel vehicles. We offer the anecdotal observation that the performance of the electric fleet is not materially different to that of the diesel fleet.

We have refused your request under section 17(g) on the basis that the information requested is not held by Greater Wellington and we have no grounds for believing that the information is either held

by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation; or connected more closely with the functions of another local authority, or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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