

15 March 2023

File Ref: OIAP-7-27310

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2023-034

I refer to your request for information dated 15 February 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 15 February 2023. You have requested the following:

"I am writing to request the following information:

- 1. A list of all CCTV cameras owned OR operated by the Wellington Regional Council, or any Council Controlled Organisations (CCOs), including the locations of the cameras.*
- 2. Identify from the list what CCTV cameras are used for Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) within the area.*
- 3. Identify the brand and type of camera at each location (e.g. Hikvision, Panasonic etc).*

Please provide an Excel spreadsheet for the above questions containing at minimum, the camera location and camera brand."

Greater Wellington's response follows:

Attachment 1 is a spreadsheet which contains a list of CCTV cameras owned or operated by Greater Wellington as at September 2022. This spreadsheet identifies the location of the cameras, which cameras are used for Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) within the area and the brand and type of camera at each location. Please note however, this list is incomplete as cameras are operated by individual departments within Greater Wellington and this list relied on self-reporting of cameras in use.

We are aware of several hundred cameras used for pest monitoring around the region, however, there is no centralised list of the location, brand, or type of these cameras or whether they use automatic number plate recognition. To collate this information, it would have a significant impact

on Greater Wellington's operations. We are therefore refusing part of your request under section 17(f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (1987) (the Act) on the basis that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

When refusing a request under section 17(f) of the Act, we are required to consider extending the time limit for this request or charging. We are also required to consider consulting you. On 3 March 2023, we emailed you seeking clarification on your definition of CCTV cameras in an attempt to refine the scope of your request. On 7 March 2023, you advised us you were looking for information on all cameras owned or operated by Greater Wellington. In this instance, we do not consider extending the time limit, charging or further consultation would remove the impact that answering your request in full would have on our operations.

We have reached out to our Council Controlled Organisations regarding their CCTV cameras:

WellingtonNZ

WellingtonNZ has advised that it does not own or operate any cameras.

Wellington Water Limited

We are transferring your request to Wellington Water Limited pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the basis that this information is not held by Greater Wellington Regional Council but is more likely to be held by Wellington Water Limited. Further correspondence will come directly from Wellington Water Limited. In this regard the 20 working day time limit for providing you with a substantive response to this request will begin from the day after Wellington Water Limited receives the transfer.

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



Nigel Corry
Te Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive

Attachments (1)