

9 May 2023

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2023-079

I refer to your request for information dated 8 April 2023 which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on the same day. You have requested the following:

"I would like to ask about your council's policy in regards to official usage of this flag. Any general information would be appreciated, but these particular questions are of interest:

- 1) On which buildings and landmarks does your council fly the Tino Rangatiratanga flag?*
- 2) On which days does your council fly the flag - Waitangi Day, Matariki, or both?"*

Greater Wellington's response follows:

Greater Wellington do not have any policy or structures regarding displaying flags on any of our Regional Council buildings. We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) on the basis that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

The New Zealand National or Tino Rangatiratanga flags are never displayed by Greater Wellington.

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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