

## By email

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Dear Mr Hazlehurst

## Request for information 2019-288

I refer to your request for information dated 26 August 2019, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) on 26 August 2019. You have requested the following information:

*“There is an API that provides realtime information about public transport in Wellington available here <https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/>  
I am requesting all documentation for any API available under the above url.”*

On 30 August 2019, we contacted you to advise that the link provided in your original request did not work and, to seek clarification about the specific information that you are seeking.

On 9 September 2019 you replied to our request for clarification as follows:

*“Sorry for the delay in my reply. I will try to clarify what I am interested in. For the following links I am interested in any information you can provide regarding the json response for the following links:*

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/v1/FareZones>  
<https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/v1/StopSearch/lambton>  
<https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/v1/StopDepartures/5010>  
<https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/v1/StopNearby/-41.3431194/174.7706202>  
<https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/v1/ServiceLocation/1>  
<https://www.metlink.org.nz/api/v1/ServiceMap/1>

*I will also try to get in contact with the records section.”*

Unfortunately, the information that you provided did not provide us with enough clarity about the information that you are seeking.

RESPONSE TO OIA 2019-288 JACK HAZLEHURST



On 10 September 2019, we responded to you to asking to provide a suitable contact phone number so that we could contact you. As of today's date we have not heard back from you.

**GWRC's response follows:**

In accordance with section 10(2) of the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), requests for information are required to be specified with due particularity in the request. Due to lack of particularity as to the information requested, I am unable to respond to your request.

Below is information regarding future application programme interface (API) developments relating to realtime information in Wellington.

We are aware that some parties have been informally accessing our website API's to access information for third-party public transport and journey planning apps. However, these API's were not intended to be open for public consumption. As a result, GWRC has been working to develop open API's for public transport data so the public can access and use data that is supported.

The open data platform is due for release in late October 2019, and will feature 'official' APIs for public consumption. This platform will include comprehensive documentation and guidance on how to use these APIs through a self-service developer portal.

We hope that this new open data platform will go some way to answering your questions, but please feel free to make contact with us again if you require further information.

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 Act.

Yours sincerely



**Greg Pollock**  
General Manager, Public Transport