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Dear Alex

**REQUEST UNDER THE “OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT”**

I refer to your email request dated 27 April 2012, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

I can advise that the Westland District Council has opened its Ordinary Council Meeting with a prayer since 27 January 2011. Please find enclosed a copy of the information, in accordance with the terms of the Act.

Council has not considered abolishing the prayer in the wake of the “Whanganui decision” and does not hold any advice on the prayer’s compatibility with the Human Rights Act 1993 and the Bill of Rights Act 1990.

Sincerely

**Robin Reeves**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

Attachment

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**WESTLAND**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



# Prayer

God we seek your blessing as we meet, and pray that you guide Westland District Council in debate and deliberations today.

Keep Councillors alert to the needs of the people, and humble in their service to the common good.

We humbly ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

