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Dear Alex

Request for information (OIA 2012/046)

I refer to your request for information dated 3 May 2012, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 3 May 2012. You have requested the following information:

"Does the Council open its meetings with a prayer? If the answer to the above is "yes", then I'd like a copy of that prayer (or examples, if more than one is used), when the practice was first established, whether the council has considered abolishing it in the wake of the Whanganui decision, and any advice the council may hold on the prayer's compatibility with both the Human Rights Act 1993 and Bill of Rights Act 1990."

In response to your request, Greater Wellington does not open its Council meetings with a prayer.

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

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