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Tēnā koe Tony

### **Request for information 2022-226**

I refer to your request for information dated 24 November 2022, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 24 November 2022. You have requested the following:

“I understand that the GWRC pays the Wellington City Council for the extra damage from running Metlink buses over city streets. I am interested in how this amount is calculated.

- 1) Can the GWRC please provide a copy of the agreement with the WCC under which road damage by bus payments are being made?
- 2) Can the GWRC please provide a copy of the payments made to the WCC for road damage by bus damage since July 2018?
- 3) Can the GWRC please provide a copy of the formula used to calculate the road damage by buses amount?
- 4) Can the GWRC please provide a copy of the actual calculations used to determine these road damage by bus payment amounts to the WCC provided in 2)?
- 5) Can the GWRC please provide a copy of any independent report or review of the calculation formula or the calculated amounts paid to the WCC?

If any of the requested information is held in electronic form, it is preferred that it is provided in its complete and original electronic format. For the sake of clarity, it is also requested that information that the GWRC may deem to be out of scope is NOT removed from documents or other information.”

### **Greater Wellington's response follows:**

1. *Can the GWRC please provide a copy of the agreement with the WCC under which road damage by bus payments are being made*

Please see **Attachment 1** which contains the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Greater Wellington and Wellington City Council (WCC) relating to the Approval and Operation of Overweight buses in Wellington city, dated 11 July 2018.

2. *Can the GWRC please provide a copy of the payments made to the WCC for road damage by bus damage since July 2018?*

No payments have been made in relation to the MoU, nor are any payments scheduled.

3. *Can the GWRC please provide a copy of the formula used to calculate the road damage by buses amount?*

The model was developed by Beca for WCC and as such Greater Wellington does not have this information. We recommend you contact WCC for a copy of this model.

4. *Can the GWRC please provide a copy of the actual calculations used to determine these road damage by bus payment amounts to the WCC provided in 2)?*

As above in question 2, there have been no payments made and accordingly there have been no calculations used to determine the payment amount.

5. *Can the GWRC please provide a copy of any independent report or review of the calculation formula or the calculated amounts paid to the WCC?*

Greater Wellington is not aware of any independent review or report of the calculation formula. We recommend you contact WCC with this question.

### **Background information**

Discussions regarding the approach to be taken are underway with WCC regarding the overall philosophy of the agreement between Greater Wellington and WCC and how we deal with these issues. This includes discussions around the current standard of WCC roads, implications for ratepayers of such an arrangement, potential implications for Funding Assistance Rate contribution by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and the application of any potential payment given long term Government strategy and the impact on fare revenue.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "sugan".

Samantha Gain  
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