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Tēnā koe P Taylor

Request for information

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) requests of 10 March, 6 April and 10 April 2022, for information relating to the protest and occupation of Parliament in February and March 2022 (Protest). You requested the following:

IR-01-22-6876

In accordance with the Official Information Act 1982, I would like to request any New Zealand Police intelligence assessments or summaries, or documents of similar intention, in relation to the "CONVOY 2022 NZ" protest in Wellington that were compiled during the period of 01/02/2022 to 03/03/2022.

IR-01-22-10061

In accordance with the Official Information Act 1982, I would like to request the Tactical Operations Reports submitted at the end of shift on the 02/03/2022 or 03/03/2022 for or by those officers that used the following items at the Wellington protest:

- 1. Batons*
- 2. OC Spray*
- 3. Tear Gas*

IR-01-22-10325

I would like to request all communications between any representative of the New Zealand Police and any member of any Canadian law enforcement service over the period 06/02/2022 and 03/03/2022. To avoid clarification, and to further narrow this request, I am interested in any information in reference to the "CONVOY 2022 NZ" protest and the Canadian Truckers protest.

Police initially withheld all available information within scope of these requests under section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the OIA, in order to avoid prejudicing the Independent Police Conduct Authority's investigation and review of the policing of the Protest (Review).

With the Review now complete and the Authority's report publicly available, Police has reconsidered your requests and responds as follows:

IR-01-23-6876

Three documents are provided to you in full, with some information withheld as indicated within those documents.

Due to the volume of documents within scope of this request, under section 16(1)(e) of the OIA Police is providing summaries of the remaining documents. If there are particular documents you wish to receive in full please advise and Police will process a new OIA request.

Please refer to the attached summaries, and note that some information has been withheld under the following grounds:

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- section 6(c), release would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial
- section 6(d), release would be likely to endanger the safety of any person
- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of persons
- section 9(2)(g)(ii), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

Where information has been withheld under section 9, Police does not consider that the grounds for withholding this information is outweighed by any public interest in its release.

In addition, one document titled *Strategic Brief "Convoy protest 2022: Risk to Nationally Significant Locations and Infrastructure"* (25/02/22) is withheld in full under section 6(a) of the OIA, as making the information available would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

In the process of preparing this response, we have identified an additional intelligence document within scope your request. Rather than delay this response, this document will be addressed in a subsequent response, in addition to the information requested under IR-01-23-10325 (see below).

IR-01-23-10061

Please find copies of the requested Tactical Operations Reports attached. Please note some information has been withheld under the following grounds:

- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of persons
- section 9(2)(g)(ii), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

Where information has been withheld under section 9, Police does not consider that the grounds for withholding this information is outweighed by any public interest in its release.

IR-01-23-10325

Police is still consulting with the relevant Canadian authorities to determine what information may be released to you. A separate response will be provided to you on this request once those consultations have been completed and a decision has been made.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā


David Greig
Superintendent
New Zealand Police

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01/02/2022: Northland District Intelligence Notification – Truckies Convoy

Online scanning has identified plans for a large "truckies" convoy beginning at Cape Reinga and Bluff on Waitangi Day 2022 and converging in Wellington on 8 February 2022.

The protest is against perceived loss of freedoms due to COVID-19 mandates and legislation, and many varied groups are likely to be represented.

Individuals involved in organising/likely to attend are identified.

The convoy will converge simultaneously at Cape Reinga and Bluff at 0630hrs on 6 February 2022 and begin travelling towards Wellington. There will be a South Island and North Island overnight camp between 6 February and 7 February. Locations have not yet been identified. The convoy will converge in Wellington at 0600hrs on Tuesday 8 February 2022.

04/02/2022: Waikato District Intelligence Notification – Convoy 2022 NZ

Planning of a large-scale convoy of protestors similar to events currently occurring in other countries is in initial stages.

A planned travel route and activities occurring during the period Friday 4 February 2022 to Monday 8 February 2022 across New Zealand has been published.

Convoy organisers are seeking logistics and financial support.

Peaceful protest is being encouraged. Some online commentary relates to blocking onramps and roads, though this is being discouraged by protest organisers.

Organisers have recommended an 85kph speed for the convoy to be set by lead vehicle.

A convoy mission statement, code of conduct and formal communication channels have been set by organisers.

04/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification - Convoy 2022

The New Zealand truck convoy protest plans to involve two separate convoys: one starting at Cape Reinga, and another beginning in Bluff at 0630hrs on 6 February 2022. The intention is to converge in Wellington at 0600hrs on 8 February 2022.

It is not currently clear how many people intend on participating in the two convoys, though several different protest groups are likely to be represented.

The Convoy has been opened to all types of transport, and will not just focus on truck drivers. This is likely to boost numbers attending, especially as the convoy gets closer to Wellington, however, it will likely be smaller than social media indicates, and the Canadian protest which currently has truck drivers blocking central routes for the last 6 days.

Some social media posts have suggested the use of trucks to block motorways, trains tracks, bus stations, and ports. However, it is unknown which of these methods will occur if any.

06/02/2022: Waikato District Intelligence Notification – Convoy 2022 NZ (Update)

Updated details of routes and timings for North and South Island convoys are provided, including possible locations for overnight stops.

Updated details of groups and individuals known to be participating in the convoy are provided, including different messaging and lines of communication being used by various groups.

08/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1700hrs

A convoy of vehicles has travelled through the North and South Islands over Waitangi weekend, arriving in Wellington for protest action at Parliament on the morning of 8 February. Estimates of up to 3,000 protesters and several hundred vehicles arrived in the area surrounding Parliament during the morning. Vehicles blocked or caused significant disruption to streets in the near vicinity including Molesworth Street, Mulgrave Street, Bowen Street, Hill Street and Aitken Street. Attempts were made by organisers to leave some one-way streets open but mostly the streets were gridlocked.

Although initially protesting the Covid-19 restrictions/vaccine mandates, on arrival at Parliament the convoy included several different protest issues including the Bill of Rights, censorship, Three Waters reform, Pike River, and 1080 use in NZ.

Possible division was observed among the protesters, with many annoyed at the involvement of The Freedoms and Rights Coalition who appeared to be 'controlling' the speeches on Parliament grounds.

Open-source reporting suggests the protesters are planning for an extended stay with catering planned for 500 persons for a week. A location is being promoted as the 'Convoy HQ' and the source of catering.

An estimated 400-500 remain at Parliament Grounds. Groups range from families having picnics to groups consuming alcohol and cannabis. A small number of tents are in place across the grounds.

Requirements around mask wearing and physical distancing were not being observed. A risk of COVID transmission among attendees may occur as a result. This is also being reported by main-stream media.

Public sentiment leading up to the Convoy has seen both pro and anti-sentiment on social media. The convoy was greeted with support through most towns they travelled through. It is unknown how the public will react if the protest continues over several days. However, the gridlock of Wellington streets and the interference to amenities and public transport is likely to reduce public sympathy.

09/02/2022: Wellington District Scenario Generation Intelligence Report

On 8 February 2022, thousands of protesters travelled in convoy to Parliament, with many camping out on the grounds overnight. The intent of the group is to protest against COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

On 9 February 2022, the protesters will be asked to leave Parliament grounds, through service of trespass notices by Police on behalf of Parliament.

Structured Analytical Techniques have been applied to the event in order to generate best- and worst-case scenarios, and in doing so assist the Police operational approach to the event. These are scenario generation tools used to prepare for a range of possible outcomes and are not evidence-based. They should be considered an indication of the range of possibilities only.

The following scenarios outline possible reactions, and indicators of each scenario.

- Dispersal: Trespass notices accepted and complied with
- Displacement: Trespass notice complied with, protest continues in secondary locations
- Prolonged peaceful occupation: Authority of trespass notices not recognised, no change in intent to occupy
- Rapid escalation: Service of trespass notices intensifies protest, violent or aggressive reaction
- Wildcard – Ideologically motivated threat/attack: Threat to conduct ideologically motivated attack in relation to trespass notice, perception of Police, or COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

Identified risks include:

- Conflict between participants
- Conflict with police
- The use of weapons
- Refusal to relocate
- Secondary protest locations
- Escalation and disruptive behaviour
- Impact on trust and confidence
- Presence of media platforms
- Influence from international activism
- Presence and involvement of gangs

10/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1330hrs

Protesters intend to remain at Parliament.

Social Media is presenting photos likely from today's arrests, with captions alleging Police brutality.

Wide-spread disruption of transport routes around Wellington is possible if protesters and their vehicles are displaced from Parliament.

Displacement of protesters to multiple locations will require splitting of Police resources.

Protesters are exploring all possibilities as the situation evolves. Secondary locations of interest include Government House, Police and Court locations and public open spaces that enable regrouping.

11/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1000hrs

Protesters intend to remain at Parliament.

A second wave of protesters are set to arrive today.

Wide-spread disruption of transport routes around Wellington is possible if protesters and their vehicles are displaced from Parliament.

Although the protest is likely to remain centred in Parliament grounds, any displacement of protesters to multiple locations would require splitting of Police resources.

Continuing to rotate and rest staff will help maintain resilience. This will be particularly important once the second wave of protesters arrive, who will be better rested.

Protesters will continue to explore possibilities as the situation evolves. Secondary locations of interest include Government House, Police and Court locations and public open spaces that enable regrouping.

11/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1300hrs

Protesters intend to remain at Parliament.

A second wave of protesters are set to arrive today (expected arrival late afternoon).

Although the protest is likely to remain centred in Parliament grounds, any displacement of protesters to multiple locations would require splitting of Police resources. As at 1313hrs, displacement has not occurred, however, the situation remains fluid as the arrival of the 'Second Wave' may influence displacement to other locations.

Protesters will continue to explore possibilities as the situation evolves. Secondary locations of interest include Te Papa, Ngati Toa Domain and the previously identified Government House, Police and Court locations and public open spaces that enable regrouping.

12/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1030hrs

Protesters intend to remain at Parliament and surrounding streets. Numbers are increasing and supply lines, including access to food, water, showers, and toilets, appear resilient. Ongoing access to portaloos directly outside Parliament is a key point of logistical resilience for the protesters. Removal of this may be seen as an act of aggression, be logistically challenging, and undermine any negotiations with organisers to peacefully relocate.

There were about 500 people on Parliament grounds overnight, with about 150 structures, including tents and gazebos.

There is a risk that protesters will continue to vandalise infrastructure at Parliament, having damaged bollards, cameras, the sprinkler cables.

There is a risk that protestors may attempt to chain or otherwise attach themselves to property or seek to cause disruption by destroying property on purpose (for example, setting fire to tents). This results in an increased safety risk to protesters, staff, and any nearby members of the public.

12/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1300hrs

There are about 3,000 people on Parliament grounds, with about 200 structures, including tents and gazebos.

Numbers are increasing and supply lines, including access to food, water, showers, and toilets, appear resilient. Ongoing access to portaloos directly outside Parliament is a key point of logistical resilience for the protesters. Removal of this may be seen as an act of aggression, be logistically challenging, and undermine any negotiations with organisers to peacefully relocate.

Although the protest is likely to remain centred in Parliament grounds, any displacement of protesters to multiple locations would require splitting of Police resources.

The general public (those who are not involved with the protest) annoyance at roadblocks and the traffic jams caused by the protest. In addition, the perceived 'inability' of Police not taking any action against the protesters.

The incoming Cyclone Dovi may pose risks to the safety of protesters, staff, and members of the public. In addition, structures not bolted down properly could cause significant damage to the safety of individuals but also to buildings nearby.

13/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1400hrs

Protest numbers at Parliament as at 1230hrs are largely unchanged from early this morning with about 200 people on foot and about 170-185 structures.

Parking by protesters on raised traffic medians outside Wellington Railway Station now presents a hazard for train commuters attempting to cross the road.

Open-source information suggests multiple convoys from the South Island are on their way to Wellington. Ferries are cancelled today due to severe weather conditions and Interislander is currently not taking bookings for Monday morning

While some individuals may be able to influence certain sub-groups within the wider group, there is no obvious central leadership, although attempts to unify the group, at least on social media, appear to have been made. This makes it difficult to identify individuals to engage with.

Coordination of donations is being managed by key facilitators, who take care to provide evidence of where money is being used. The significant investment, both in terms of money and supplies, is another indicator of well-coordinated logistics channels which would support protestor ability to occupy Parliament for an extended period of time.

Confirmed COVID cases nationally are continuing to rise. While there have been no confirmed cases linked to the current protest, the risk of community transmission remains high.

Protesters continue to maintain awareness of the wider Parliament environment including showing an active interest in points of entry and physical security infrastructure and Police movements and tactics.

14/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1000hrs

As at 1000hrs about 50-100 people and about 150 structures, primarily tents, were on Parliament grounds. Vehicle numbers around Parliament decreased overnight but have increased again throughout the morning.

There is a risk that people who want to move their vehicles will not be able to. The vehicles are grid-locked, however, some vehicles are being cooperatively moved to facilitate protest logistics such as access for Portalo cleaning vehicles, delivery of supplies and buses.

Protesters are looking for individuals they believe to be undercover Police. This presents a risk to not only non-uniformed Police staff, but other protesters and members of the public who may be 'identified' as Police officers and are unable to deescalate the situation.

Public frustration against the protest has led to calls on social media for counter-protests at Parliament.

Two judicial reviews relating to COVID-19 mandates are set to be heard at the High Court on Monday and Tuesday this week, 14 and 15 February.

Approximately 40 of the protesters arrested on Thursday last week are due to appear in Wellington District Court today, 14 February. This may lead to small, localised protest activity at or near the Court.

14/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1430hrs

The crowd within Parliament grounds swelled at 1230hrs to about 3000 people. Vehicle numbers have also significantly increased, with blockages expanding to Murphy Street and the upper end of Molesworth Street.

Protester sentiment remains positive despite the weather. Users online share words of pride and praise to those "holding the line". Protesters have made light of the sprinklers and wet conditions.

Interactions between protesters and mask-wearing members of the general public have been amicable today. Protesters are potentially making an effort to recover public opinion following publicised anti-mask confrontations with students last week.

Today Police staff distributed notices advising of the opportunity to relocate vehicles to Sky Stadium. Response on the ground was overall neutral, with some individuals expressing an interest in moving, but stating they were blocked in by other vehicles. Early sentiment circulating on social media indicates protesters suspect a trap with consequences such as fines, trespass notices and vehicles impounded.

Donations of material goods provide further confirmation of a large support base under-pinning the protest movement and another indication of a capability and intent to remain in Parliament grounds. A Give a Little page has been set up in addition to advertising private bank accounts on social media and the Voices for Freedom website.

15/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

As at 0700hrs, approximately 150 people were visible outside of tents and 140-160 structures were sighted on Parliament grounds.

As at 0550hrs Murphy Street and Mulgrave Street were clear of vehicles. This is consistent with protestors clearing out in the evenings and returning mid-morning to lunch time. Illegally parked vehicles were able to relocate to Sky Stadium from 1830hrs 14 February. Overnight no vehicles were relocated to the stadium, and none were moved from the bus depot.

There has been discussion within the group regarding their current lack of leadership, and some conflict around whether they should have a leader. Some believe having a leader would allow a point of contact for better communication with media and Police, while others believe their strength lies in the fact that they are 'all leaders'.

It is possible more forceful tactics will be employed by protestors if tensions escalate. At least one individual has encouraged protestors to bring acid and pepper spray to the protest.

Any attempts to remove vehicles will likely be hindered by protestors, who may remain in their vehicles and remove wheels to avoid being towed.

Wellington Regional Hospital may see an increased demand with reports on 14 February that individuals from the protest have self-presented with eye infections and minor injuries.

15/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1430hrs

As at 1100hrs, approximately 500 people were visible outside of tents and 200 structures were sighted on Parliament grounds.

Protesters are aware that the reaction of the wider public has been negative and appear to be seeking to change this by trying to 'make a positive impact' around Wellington. Tactics suggested include walking around the city in small groups to 'raise consciousness' of others, or inviting the homeless population to camp alongside them.

The continuation of supplies such as food, shelter, and waste management are a vital part of the sustained presence of the protesters. Information indicates that protesters are well organised with cleaning rosters, organised rubbish collection, wardens, people collecting funds and sourcing supplies, and communication by walkie-talkie.

There has been discussion within the group regarding their current lack of leadership, and some conflict around whether they should have a leader. The general sentiment is that 'the people' are leading the protest.

Protesters continue to be organised and alert to Police movements.

Any attempts to remove vehicles will likely be hindered by protestors, who may remain in their vehicles and remove wheels to avoid being towed.

There are additional health and safety concerns for protesters, the public and staff, with the protest reporting an outbreak of conjunctivitis, and 'fungus foot'.

As public frustration with disruption caused by the protest grows, it is possible that counter-protests will occur.

16/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

As at 0600hrs, the number of structures in Parliament grounds remained the same. Observations overnight point to an increase in the number of women and children at the protest site.

Protesters are aware of Police intent to tow vehicles in the near future. There has been some tension noted between two large groups which may hinder attempts to negotiate or influence the group as a whole.

Some organisers of the protest are attempting to reign in disorderly behaviour from some attendees.

Protesters continue to exhibit aggressive behaviour to Police or Parliament staff approaching the Hill Street entrance.

Any attempts to remove vehicles will likely be hindered by protestors

16/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification - Health risk at protest site

There is an increasing risk that unhygienic conditions at Parliament grounds will spread serious bacterial infection to both protesters and Police staff.

Unhygienic conditions are developing due to wet soil, use of pea straw acting as mulch, and contamination from urine and faeces.

Limited access to sanitation facilities for hand washing and unknown hygiene standards associated with food preparation increases risk of transmitting infectious agents including gastro infections.

16/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1400hrs

850 people and 300 structures

Increasing risk that unhygienic conditions at Parliament Grounds will spread infection/illness to both protesters and Police.

Removal of protester vehicles from Bus Depot has been limited.

Protester security group is well organised and response to Police action is likely to be well coordinated
Expected additional waves of protesters and vehicles.

Protesters noted to be tracking and recording Police movements and numbers

16/02/2022: Wellington District Summary brief – Op Convoy full picture

Report provides summary of what Police have encountered in dealing with Parliament Occupation.

An estimated 400 protesters on Parliament Grounds. Vehicle blockages have extended to Murphy Street and upper end of Molesworth Street.

Unhygienic conditions increase risk of illness spreading.

A range of factions have been identified within the protest. Clear leadership has not emerged from any one group.

Most public commentary expresses support of the right to protest, but frustration at the harassment, disruption and public damage caused by the protesters.

Public opinion is increasingly divided on the appropriate response to the protesters.

Protesters are well organised and coordinated with security plans and alert systems to counter anticipated Police responses.

Protesters are well resourced with supplies, equipment, and multiple funding streams from public donations.

Police negotiation efforts are hampered by lack of defined leadership within the protest and different goals and motives by different factions present.

16/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification – Operation Convoy groups of interest v1

Since 8 February 2022, thousands of protestors have travelled in convoy to Parliament, with the intent to protest COVID-19 mitigation strategies. Despite being asked to leave Parliament and being trespassed, protestors have continued to occupy the grounds since this date.

A range of factions, issue motivated groups and individuals who have differing goals and approaches are present at the protest. The purpose of this report is to focus on the groups rather than specific individuals unless they specifically are considered as advocating for an escalation or organising protest activity. The groups are not in a particular order of priority.

Themes and clear delineation between groups has emerged with those that are 'occupying' to legitimise their views and of others but want to remain professional/separate/compliant, those that are responsible for logistics e.g., supply chains and those that have a willingness to escalate the

situation and provoke communities. Clear leadership of the occupation has not emerged from any one group.

Details of groups/individuals withheld in full – 6(c)

17/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

Approximately 280-300 structures and 700 vehicles.

Increasing numbers possible with the Freedoms and Rights Coalition/Tu Tangata Riders planning to join protest locations over the coming weekend.

Protester tactics include increased security to disrupt any Police attempts to move vehicles.

Protesters have attempted to serve trespass notices on Police, believing they have the support of Ngāti Tama to occupy Parliament Grounds.

Public sentiment towards the protest continues to be varied but largely supportive of the right to protest. Despite this the public remain frustrated at the harassment, overall disruption, and public damage caused by the protesters.

There has been a noticeable escalation in abusive and confrontational behaviour by protesters.

17/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1400hrs

Approximately 450 people, 300 structures on Parliament Grounds. Estimated 800 vehicles that may increase to over 1,000.

Indications are that sentiment on the ground appears to have shifted from opposition of COVID-19 mitigation strategies toward a broader challenge to the authority of the state.

A 'National Day of Shutdown' on 1 March has been suggested by protesters.

It is possible vaccination and testing centres will become secondary targets for protest action.

Commentary around the 'credibility' of Police ability to follow through on proposed courses of action has now featured in mainstream media.

Protester security teams are highly organised.

There was an attempt by protesters to drive a vehicle into Parliament grounds via the Bowen Street entrance.

Protesters continue to exert physical control over some areas in the vicinity of Parliament.

It is likely that protester and vehicle numbers will continue to swell on weekends.

An aggressive change in attitude towards Police has been noted today, at the same time as high visibility patrols have increased.

Protesters continue to be vigilant regarding the presence of staff, including being suspicious of the presence of non-uniformed staff.

17/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification – Secondary camping locations

On 17 February 2022 information was received that protesters were calling for alternative locations to camp as they were low on space on Parliament Grounds. The information suggested protesters were asking for recommendations on other council properties that could operate at campgrounds.

Possible secondary camping locations that may be targeted by protesters are identified [details of locations withheld in full]. 6(c)

18/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

Approximately 40 people seen outside tents, 310 structures on Parliament grounds and an estimate of 800 vehicles.

Information suggests that employees of multiple government agencies have attended the protest.

The presence of former and current government employees, as well as prominent public figures, almost certainly increases the perception of the legitimacy of the protest.

There is likely to be an increase in attendance at the protest this weekend due to The Freedoms and Rights Coalition actively encouraging protesters to redirect their efforts from Auckland to Wellington.

Since the commencement of the protest the number of groups and individuals present have increased in diversity.

Protesters have reportedly organised a response to possible towing, or if their food trucks are stopped.

It is possible the protesters will engage with tow truck companies to ensure they are not in transit to support Police efforts in removing vehicles.

There is increasing tension among some protesters towards Police, which has become the focus on many online posts.

Researchers from media outlets have been attending the protest to interview protesters and gather an accurate picture of the attendees and their motivations.

Recent communication between the protesters identifies strategic planning into their placement of vehicles and disruption tactics.

18/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1400hrs

Approximately 400 people, and 310 structures on Parliament grounds with approximately 1000 in the wider vicinity.

Ticketing of vehicles on Molesworth Street at around 1300hrs attracted attention from protesters, who reportedly called more people over.

The visible presence of former and current government employees, as well as prominent public figures, almost certainly increases the perception of legitimacy in the protest.

Support for the protesters, including financial, continues to come from outside the immediate environment.

There is a potential fire hazard from generators, gas heaters, small cookers, and a fire pit.

Information suggests private boat owners are transporting people from Picton to Wellington to join the protest.

Rumours and misinformation surrounding Police action continue to fuel anti-Police narratives.

Protesters continue to hold significant elements of the physical location. They have an advanced understanding of the ground, and access to a drone to facilitate this. The intent to occupy a wider geographical area is evident.

18/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification – Vehicle spread and supply lines

Mapping terminology is referred to as Low Tide which indicates less vehicles with few gaps and density, High Tide is referred to as significant vehicle density.

Typically, low tide occurs in the early morning. Throughout the day the tide increases, with 'high tide' occurring mid-afternoon. Generally, at 2200-2300hrs, vehicles start to leave, and the tide decreases to what is left in the morning.

From the beginning of this week (14.02.2022) low tide has been increasing rapidly and spreading in terms of locality. Throughout the week low tide is getting as large as previous high tides.

What is being referred to as the Triangle, which is the pedestrian raised edge in front of Wellington Railway Station, is becoming a good indicator of high tide. When the triangle has vehicles parked on it, there is usually a high tide of vehicles in the proximity of Parliament as vehicles can't park closer.

As at 0715 hrs on Friday 18 February, approximately 800 vehicles were occupying streets surrounding Parliament. At the same time last Friday (11 February), no more than 300 vehicles were present. This illustrates the steadily rising 'tide' of vehicles.

The traffic assessment for Friday 18 February is an additional 200 vehicles today, with more likely to arrive throughout the day leading into overnight. This will see well in excess of 1000 vehicles occupying Wellington streets as the weekend begins. On Saturday, temporary gridlock is likely to occur from 1000hrs until late afternoon as more come in and there are no areas left to park.

It is likely the extent of vehicles is going to grow to a point that there will be several locations around the city at gridlock due to the rapid reduction of 'actual' places to park. This is going to cause significant disruption to the community, residents, and emergency services accessing the area.

19/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

Approximately 310 structures were sighted on Parliament grounds and an estimate of approximately 850 illegally parked vehicles.

The construction of a sizeable wooden stage highlights the protesters' ability to import large and varied items into Parliament grounds.

The Freedoms and Rights Coalition have posted online advertising the 'Rhythm and Rights' concert for 1600hrs Saturday 19 February.

There appears to be growing hostility to anyone protesters identify as 'media'.

Protesters have created 'media liaison' roles, increasing their efforts to shape public opinion.

There have been unconfirmed reports of possible reconnaissance at Wellington Central Police Station.

If the physical boundary of the protest expands as anticipated, it will likely encroach on several embassies and high commissions.

There has been an anecdotal increase in the amount of antisocial road use by pedestrians and those on electric scooters

19/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1400hrs

Approximately 1500 people and 300 structures visible within the main areas of Parliament Grounds. The best estimate of vehicles is approximately 2000 total, with 800 of those illegally parked.

A 'Silent Vigil' has been advertised for 2100hrs at Parliament on 19 February.

Information relating to an influx of additional protesters from across New Zealand continues to be received.

The Speaker of the House will not be attending Parliament today.

There are some indications that protesters may struggle to support the anticipated influx of people over the weekend.

Sky Stadium is reportedly full of vehicles.

A number of ex and off-duty Police staff have been noted at the protest.

Some protesters continue to show an ongoing interest in Police deployment, including interest in the rear of Parliament. Protesters appear to quickly move into space unoccupied by staff.

Some protesters appear to continue to prepare to use violence, and for an anticipated escalation in Police activity.

Staff have noted a continuing overt presence of patched gang members.

Staff should be aware of operational security and safety concerns while away from Parliament grounds.

19/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Report – Operation Convoy Groups of Interest Version 2

Provides updates from Version 1 report released 16/02/2022

As with the previous report the groups are not in a particular order of priority.

Clear leadership of the occupation has still not emerged from any one group.

Details of groups/individuals withheld in full. 6(c); 9(2)(a)

19/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification – Road Vulnerabilities

Most persons currently protesting at Parliament profess to be wishing to do so peacefully, they appear not to want the public to turn against them by participating in more active protesting.

Despite this, there is also a smaller hostile element at the protest that may engage in further action if they see an acceleration of methods to remove them or their vehicles from the Parliamentary area.

A small number of persons and vehicles could block major access points to Wellington and create considerable disruptions to supply routes in both goods and public transport.

Locations are identified that could be targeted by protestors to further disrupt Wellington's regular commuter and commercial transport flow. Details of locations withheld in full. 6(c)

20/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

Approximately 310 structures on Parliament grounds with about 850 vehicles. Protest vehicles have been identified parking in clearways near the protest.

14 tents have been erected on private property outside Turnbull Library.

The 'Rhythm and Rights' concert occurred this evening at Parliament.

Protesters are giving each other advice on how to react to Police. This includes not providing Police with your full name when arrested and charging Police an hourly rate for your time.

Vehicles parked near Parliament have been identified blocking a key hydrant. This is of concern to Fire and Emergency NZ.

20/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1400hrs

As at 1300hrs, approximately 1500 people were visible within the main areas of Parliament Grounds. Over 300 structures were sighted overnight, and this does not appear to have decreased today.

A group of 'leaders' from different protest factions engaged unofficially with Police negotiators and Police senior leaders this morning. Protesters requested assistance with managing vehicle movement along Molesworth Street, and Police have undertaken to assist with initiating a traffic management plan. This will include a one-way vehicle system (exit only, no entry).

Overall, the sentiment at Parliament appears to have improved today, with fewer protesters consistently yelling at Police. However, on Bunny Street, Police were confronted by individuals when they attempted to conduct a foot patrol.

Some protesters have been observed leaving this morning via Hill Street with belongings under arm.

Information on the ground suggests that personal items (mobile phones) and property are being stolen, mainly from around the cars and tents.

Additional protesters are expected to arrive today from Picton via private boat.

Protesters wishing to leave voluntarily may be unable to move their vehicles from the current road blockage. Road management may be needed to ensure protester vehicles have safe exit from the protest location and to minimise traffic congestion at choke points.

Protesters who chose to return home will likely be fatigued and stressed. Road safety is a concern nationally.

Nearby locations continue to be canvassed by protesters for camping sites.

Public frustration with the protest occupation is increasing, with public petitions and online suggestions for counter-protest activity.

20/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification – Parliament Physical Security

Document relates to Physical Security vulnerabilities and mitigations within Parliamentary Precinct.

Content of report withheld in full. 6(a)(c)(d)

21/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

Concrete barriers were installed at about 0315hrs on 21 February 2022 on key streets surrounding Parliament to create a “one way” vehicle system with an exit-only strategy.

A narrative is emerging of calling for mandates to be ended on 1 March. It is unknown where/from whom this narrative originated.

A number of protestors appear to be coming into Wellington via private or chartered flights.

Large marquees are now covering many smaller tents in Parliament grounds.

Protesters have obtained Police short-sleeved operational uniform shirts. There is a risk that protesters are creating misinformation and impersonating Police to do this.

Protester security continues to monitor and share information with each other about Police movements.

Tensions are increasing between the different factions within the occupation and there is dissatisfaction with ‘village life.’ The multi-faceted nature of the occupying group and its loosely organised leadership structure has meant there are issues emerging with retaining control over some aspects of the protest.

21/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1330hrs

The concrete barriers installed on key streets surrounding Parliament to create a “one way” vehicle system has created significant online commentary. Protesters were surprised by the action and have responded negatively to it.

There are fewer cars than yesterday.

Tensions continue between the different factions within the occupation.

Protesters are actively planning counter-tactics in response to the traffic control.

The number of protest organisers is also expanding.

A limited number of people at the protest may attempt to encourage offensive tactics against Police.

There is a risk that some protest vehicles may regroup outside the barriers.

There is a risk that protesters will target companies who assisted Police with towing vehicles or installing concrete barriers

21/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification – Potential bollard movement

On 21 February 2022, concrete bollards were placed at intersections surrounding the protest. This report considers options for further bollard installations and movements. These movements are prioritised by the likelihood of success combined with the expected reaction of the protesters.

Bollard 7

- CURRENT LOCATION – Molesworth/Pipitea
- POTENTIAL NEW LOCATION – Molesworth/William Colenso

It is likely this bollard could be moved further south on Molesworth Street, to at least the intersection of Molesworth/William Colenso. It is likely this movement will have the smallest relative impact on

the encampment itself and therefore not necessarily cause as much of a reaction from the protesters. This is also likely to better improve their ability to receive food deliveries at the encampment, and therefore may not be as contested as other potential movements.

Bollard 2

- CURRENT LOCATION – Hill/Guildford
- POTENTIAL NEW LOCATION – Hill/Eccleston Hill (Western Entrance)

It is likely this bollard could be moved further east on Hill Street, possibly as far as Eccleston Hill (most western entrance). It is recommended it does not encroach as far as the Hill St Pedestrian Access Gate, as this has been guarded quite aggressively by protesters over the last few weeks. It is possible should this bollard encroach too far east it will escalate the protesters in this area which will be a risk to Police staff.

It is recommended should the bollards successfully be moved at this position, that a cordon remains in place on Hill/Guildford in order to maintain the ground gained. It is likely, should ground be gained in this area trust and confidence of the British High Commission, and churches in this area will be increased.

Bollard 6

- CURRENT LOCATION – Aitken/Mulgrave

It is possible this bollard could be moved further west along Aitken Street, however this is likely to quickly gain attention from the protesters given the high visibility along the street. This street is also currently being used for some supply runs and is likely to be at least somewhat protected.

It is recommended the achievability of this movement be assessed at the time, given staffing numbers and the potential success of the prior two bollard movements.

Bollard 5

- CURRENT LOCATION – Kate Shepard/Mulgrave

It is unlikely this bollard could be moved further west without some confrontation from the protesters. This access has been used for food supply, and generator deliveries, as well as stationary admin and clothing areas. It is likely should an attempt be made to further restrict access to this area it will further escalate the protesters.

It is recommended this bollard location remain as placed.

Given protester reaction to the successful placement of these bollards on the morning of 21 February 2022, it is possible the protesters have plans in place to counter any similar actions moving forward. It is recommended Police remain aware that protesters are learning to counter Police tactics quickly and may react proactively to any potential bollard placements moving forward.

22/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

Selected cordons are currently being moved inwards.

Following the placing of concrete barriers overnight, there is increased negativity towards Police. Protesters are attempting to acquire equipment to move the barriers.

The wearing of Police uniform shirts has been observed at the protest. It is believed these were provided to protesters by an ex-sworn staff member.

Online comments show ongoing paranoia regarding the potential for Police tactics to escalate.

Foodstuffs have advised Police of increased incidents over the last week of people abusing staff and customers over the wearing of masks

Protest vessels berthing in Wellington Harbour pose a disruption threat to Cook Strait Ferry services and a security threat to CentrePort.

22/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification – Escalating protest violence

In the last 24-48 hours there has been an increase in the number and severity of assaults on Police staff. Concerns have also been raised over the presence of weapons near the edges of the protest area. Incidents include:

- 20/02/2022 – protesters seen with improvised wooden weapons
- 21/02/2022 – protesters threw urine and faeces at Police staff
- 22/02/2022 – vehicle driven at police lines; bottle containing unknown liquid thrown at staff, causing burning sensation; weapons found concealed near road blocks

Violent acts committed against Police are the actions of a minority and do not represent the intent, or mindset of the majority of protesters. Regardless, these acts illustrate the lack of control organisers have over some of those in attendance and represent a significant ongoing challenge for Police.

Weapons remain readily available to protesters. This includes those that may have been deliberately placed, are being carried by protest security as well as weapons of opportunity. This amounts to a significant staff safety risk should confrontation escalate.

In response to the use of harmful liquids, Police will now be provided with protective eye equipment to wear as required, following TENR assessment. Any instances of staff wearing eye protection is almost certain to produce a narrative amongst some protesters that Police intend to deploy OC spray or teargas. Similar narratives have already been seen with respect to Police gloves, and hats.

Poor internal communication amongst protesters has meant that information shared with protest organisers about planned Police action has not filtered down to everyone present. This has resulted in anxiety over Police intentions and may have contributed to the degree of pushback from protesters.

Footage of the protester's response to Police activity shows some people standing with their backs to Police, apparently trying to deescalate the situation. Consideration could be given to identifying and engaging with these individuals prior to planned actions if appropriate. If these groups are present from the outset it may help to limit confrontation.

22/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1400hrs

Open-source scanning continues to identify possible groups intending on travelling to the protest.

Incidents of individuals in possession of improvised weapons have been noted.

Conflict between protesters continues to occur, including disillusionment with 'leadership'.

Paranoia and accusations of 'false flag' action, as well as claims of 'police brutality' continue to be observed online.

Continuing indicators of advanced tactics and an organised response to staff activity are cause for concern in relation to staff safety.

Businesses assisting Police to install concrete bollards have been targeted with threats and negative online reviews.

There is evidence of protesters escalating in behaviour in response to Police tactics, including unknown liquids being thrown at staff and a vehicle being driven at Police lines.

23/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

Approximately 30 people were visible within the central forecourt area of Parliament grounds, along with an estimated 300 structures.

Vehicles parked at Sky Stadium will today be advised that free parking is ending, and they will either need to move, or pay.

Protesters continue to take countermeasures against cordons, including moving them, and discussing the potential of creating their own cordons.

There are further indications that the occupation is transitioning away from a focus on vaccine mandates towards more varied and complex issues including Māori sovereignty, indigenous rights, and grievances with government.

The heightened level of protester anxiety and mistrust, particularly with claims that Police are staging “false flag” events and planting complicit individuals to justify greater use of force, increases the safety risk for Police staff on the ground as well as members of the general public if confronted.

Protesters have been arriving from Picton via private boat with more possibly making the journey over the weekend.

There is an ongoing staff safety risk that easily improvised weapons are available within the occupied protest area.

Threats have been made towards the companies that assisted Police with installing concrete bollards.

23/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1400hrs

Approximately 400 people within the central forecourt area of Parliament grounds, along with an estimated 200 structures.

Vehicles parked at Sky Stadium have been advised their free parking will cease from tomorrow.

Information suggests Victoria University has a contractor scheduled to erect a fence.

Protesters continue to seek information regarding Police shift times and deployment plans.

Protesters have been noted relocating vehicles in attempts to block further inward movement of concrete bollards.

Staff note that remaining protesters are taking a harder line approach to maintaining the occupation, with more moderate, peaceful protesters having left or planning to leave. It is possible some protesters wanting to leave are unable to extract their vehicles from within the gridlocked area.

It is possible that the absence of the moderating influence from original protesters will result in escalating clashes between protesters and Police.

Should ex-Police, NZDF or FENZ staff with tactical training remain amongst a more radical group, this will pose a significant risk in terms of familiarity with Police tactics and the ability to counter these.

The continuing presence of children is an ongoing risk in terms of Police response, where children and young people may be placed in harm's way.

23/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification – Private boat transit Picton-Wellington

Since 08 February 2022, protestors have travelled from around New Zealand to Wellington with the intent to protest COVID-19 mandates at Parliament; many of them remain in Wellington. The 'occupation' has reduced in numbers with approximately 400 people present on Parliament grounds and an estimated 200 structures on 23 February 2022.

Information confirms protestors have been arriving to Wellington from Picton via private boats. It is likely this will continue to occur, though poor weather conditions may limit the number of people crossing. The Wellington Harbourmaster is currently preparing messaging for potential protest vessels that will pre-empt health and safety concerns and encourage responsible boating conduct upon entering Wellington harbour.

One of the main considerations regarding people travelling to Wellington via private boat to attend the protest is the safety concerns surrounding crossing the Cook Strait. If individuals attempt to cross in unsafe conditions, it may result in requiring a rescue response.

It is likely messaging from the Harbourmaster and Maritime will be disregarded by those intending to travel to Wellington via private boat.

Eventually, individuals who travel to Wellington will need to return home to the South Island. It is possible that by this point make-shift ferry services will have either been discontinued or inoperable due to poor weather conditions. This may push affected protesters to seek passage on mainstream ferry services, or risk remaining stranded in Wellington.

Should protesters seek to travel on mainstream ferries, they will be required to either be vaccinated or show a negative RAT result. In either case, ferry staff are likely to struggle enforcing mask mandates if large groups of protesters travel together.

Companies operating in the maritime environment are subject to significant regulation and licencing. It is possible that impromptu ferry services requesting a koha may be breaching these rules by operating as a paid service, however the exact qualifiers and thresholds are currently unknown. Should anyone be identified breaching these rules, it will almost certainly present an opportunity for enforcement action.

23/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification – Implications of Vehicle Movements

Report seeks to identify and assess possible secondary parking locations that may be used by protestors following Police installation of bollards preventing additional vehicles entering the Parliament vicinity.

Molesworth Street

It is possible an increase in vehicles will encourage protestors to continue parking North on Molesworth Street. Given its proximity to Parliament grounds this option would allow the protestors to remain close to the epicentre of the protest.

Botanic Gardens

Should protesters require more space for vehicles and camping facilities, it is possible they will relocate/expand towards Anderson Park, or the Botanic Gardens off Glenmore Street. Given its proximity to both Parliament and Premier House, vast space for tents, and the availability of public resources this would be a logical option for relocation. This has potential positive and negative implications, which are detailed below.

Thorndon Quay – Hutt Road

Bollards are currently in place preventing entry into Parliament grounds via Kate Shephard Place and Lambton Quay. It is possible this will encourage protesters to continue parking their vehicles down Thorndon Quay towards Hutt Road due to the proximity to Parliament grounds and the protest epicentre. This has potential positive and negative implications, which are detailed below.

24/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

Approximately 10-15 people visible within the central forecourt area of Parliament grounds, along with an estimated 280-300 structures.

On 23 February 2022 at 1600hrs a group of 12 -15 protestors entered Pipitea Marae and demanded Police and Māori wardens 'vacate the marae immediately under Māori sovereignty.

On 23 February at around 2130hrs several protesters used a truck to relocate the concrete bollards at the checkpoint on Bowen Street and Lambton Quay. Protesters became agitated and were armed with makeshift shields.

The Ministry of Health has been made aware of two protesters tested positive for COVID-19.

Protesters have been observed attempting to elicit further monetary donations.

Two schools opposite the 'occupation' on Parliament grounds have closed their campuses.

On 24 February 2022 from 0900hrs, several people involved with the protest are appearing in Wellington District Court.

Concrete bollards erected by Police as part of a traffic management system have been vandalised in attempts to prevent further movement.

24/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification – Protester defensive tactics

At approximately 2200hrs on 23 February, protesters gathered at the corner of Hill Street and Molesworth Street and held painted plywood sheets in the form of a wall. This activity prevented a planned Police operation from occurring on Hill Street. The plywood sheets have since been loaded back into a small truck parked at the intersection.

There have also been reports that protesters were seen arming themselves with makeshift shields. It is almost certain that these 'shields' are the same individual sheets of plywood used to construct the 'wall'. Images show full 2.4x1.2m sheets of plywood with handles attached to the back, making them easier to hold.

Other tactics observed by the protesters have included parking a medium to large truck parallel to the concrete barrier, about 5-8 metres in. This is almost certainly in an effort to make it increasingly difficult for Police to move the barrier restricting the overall footprint of the protest.

It is almost certain that protesters were aware of planned Police action on Hill Street, and that their actions were part of a deliberate move to counter this. This, combined with prepared construction, and improvised equipment shows a significant degree of planning and organisation.

Due to its perceived success, protesters are likely to repeat this tactic should they become aware of future Police actions. This tactic, however, is at least partially reliant on being forewarned of Police activity.

The presence of wooden shields/sheets poses a risk to staff safety. Even if the initial intent of these is purely defensive, they could easily be used as weapons should confrontations escalate.

Consideration could be given to prioritising trucks or other large vehicles for removal, as this would make it more difficult for protesters to move Police bollards. Difficulties may be encountered, however, if target vehicles are blocked in or parked near the densest parts of the crowd.

24/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification – Occupied Protest Territories

The purpose of this report is to understand the wider protest area and which groups occupy different locations to inform decision making regarding further action and staff movements.

The current environment within the Parliament ‘camp city’ is well established and self-sufficient with logistics, security, communication, first aid tents and administration. Criminal activity such as theft of property, assaults and potential sexual assaults are being communicated via online platforms rather than reported to NZP. It is likely organisers are attempting to deal with issues internally to reduce negative public sentiment.

The perimeter of Parliament grounds is being closely guarded, with weapons of opportunity sighted at three different locations and security being told to be extra vigilante and checking those entering the grounds.

The environment outside Parliament grounds has identified some areas where there is increased negativity, towards Police, or tactics being employed to keep the area secure. These are by the Cenotaph, Lambton/Bowen Street intersection and the Hill Street area (particularly by the entrance gates).

The Cenotaph and Bowen/Lambton Street intersection is where Counterspin media have situated themselves. It is likely any activity at this point will be broadcast via their channels.

24/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1400hrs

Approximately 350 vehicles within cordons, 410 structures on Parliament Ground and a further 30 at St Paul’s Cathedral.

Staff noted commentary amongst protesters around how they ‘out witted’ the Police overnight.

Online scanning suggests a small proportion of the original protest community have left due to a perception the protest has been co-opted by fringe conspiracy theorists.

Several online posts suggest a ‘second wave’ is preparing to travel to Wellington to join the protest. However Groundswell NZ has made a media statement confirming they will not attend.

There is a risk that unreported offending is occurring within the encampment. It is possible that mistrust of Police amongst protesters creates an environment which puts vulnerable people at higher risk of victimisation.

It is possible that individuals with little affiliation to the cause, but an interest in anti-Police action, will continue to gravitate to the protest.

There is a challenge in balancing the need to maintain cordons through sufficient deployment while minimising risk to staff safety.

Protesters have demonstrated an ability to successfully execute planned activity against cordons. The timing of protester action is possibly based on an understanding of shift change timings and staffing levels.

It is possible protesters have positioned similar defensive 'stations' around the encampment. The use of improvised weapons, shields, and defensive options by protesters may increase the risk of injury to staff, and to protesters themselves.

The Freedoms and Rights Coalition (TFRC) have stated 1 March 2022, is their deadline for mandates to be abolished. It is possible with this date approaching the TFRC presence will swell.

24/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification – Opportunities to gain ground

On 21 February, concrete bollards were put in place by Police to assist protest 'leaders' with traffic management. These enabled a one-way traffic system whereby vehicles within the contained zone could leave but new vehicles could not enter.

It was agreed by Police that vehicles inside the bollards zone would not be towed, but vehicles outside the zone and parked illegally would be towed.

Police plan to recover ground currently illegally occupied by protester vehicles/campsites in an attempt to restore Parliament grounds and environs to a safe state of lawful protest.

Prior messaging that reinforces the rights of public to safely access public facilities would likely establish a positive narrative to Police enforcement action from the wider New Zealand public.

Co-ordinated efforts are needed by Police to understand how protesters at each location respond to Police activity, and how quickly they are able to mobilise this response. It is recommended that test deployments are undertaken with the observed response of protesters fed back to inform intelligence and planning.

Ground gained through Police enforcement action needs to be secured against re-occupation. It is recommended that a vehicle-free buffer zone is established through the positioning of concrete bollards at both a forward location and a suitable outer-perimeter location.

Protesters are cutting the wire lifting eyes attached to the concrete bollards currently in place. Some wire strands are left uncut to conceal the damage until Police attempt to lift the blocks causing them to fall and break apart. It is recommended that Police inspect all wires prior to attempting the lifting of a bollard.

Protest vehicle numbers typically increase over weekends. The staging of festival-like events during weekdays and evenings may also increase numbers. Planning enforcement action to avoid these surges is recommended.

Vehicles illegally parked, depending on the manner, beyond the protest perimeter (whether linked to the protest or not) may be an enforcement matter for Wellington City Council (WCC). Currently, WCC and towing companies are averse to towing such vehicles due to the potential for retaliation by protesters.

24/02/2022: Wellington District Subject Profile

Details of a high-risk person of interest. **Withheld in full** 6(c); 9(2)(a)

25/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

Approximately 20 people visible on Parliament Grounds. There has been no noticeable change in structure numbers.

Protesters completely occupy sites at Collina Terrace and Hill Street adjacent to the Cathedral and a small number continue to occupy the Molesworth Street carpark behind the Cathedral.

Protesters plan to sleep for short periods during the day to be awake during the night if something happens, almost certainly in response to recent Police activity and general paranoia circulating about Police operations during the night.

Single source information indicates a number of protesters are becoming ill at the protest site.

It is possible that unattended vehicles and resources identifiable as belonging to Police will be targeted by protesters with the intent of incapacitating these.

Given the narrative surrounding 'false flag' attacks prevalent amongst protesters, there is a risk that should protesters gain access to Police resources these may be used to impersonate and implicate Police.

Protesters are continuing to scope weak points that can be exploited. Strengthening of barriers in one location will likely push protesters to explore weaknesses in other locations, especially when there is a reduced Police presence.

There has been a recent uptake and sharing of ideas and concepts that counter Police tactics. Some protesters have recently shared media suggesting balloons filled with paint mixtures be used against Police.

A storage location for protester's plywood has been identified on Aitken and Molesworth Street. It is possible protesters have positioned similar defensive 'stations' around the encampment, particularly where previous clashes with Police have occurred, or at strategically important locations.

25/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1400hrs

There has been no noticeable change in numbers of people in the protest area. A large medical tent has been erected on Molesworth Street by Kate Sheppard Place.

It is possible businesses seen to be opposing the protest will become targets for further protest action.

Protesters have made references to a large group coming over the weekend. It is possible that attempts will be made to move cordons to allow additional people to enter the cordoned area.

Protesters have increasingly sought to become self-reliant and insular; it is possible that they will not seek help in the case of an emergency.

Some social media commentary has encouraged people to tear down protest signs and undertake 'direct action' as a counter-protest. It is unknown whether this idea will gain traction. There is a risk that this will aggravate protesters and cause conflict with the general public.

Protest 'security' appear to be struggling to adhere to agreements with Police, particularly regarding arrangements to facilitate entry to the cordoned area to service portaloos. This may be indicative of

the lack of control 'leadership' have over the group, and lack of cohesive approach within protest 'security'.

A social media post refers to a call out for builders, labourers, drainlayers, plumbers and electricians. This may be an indication of an attempt to establish parallel infrastructure.

While the 'hard' routes into the cordoned zones have been blocked with concrete bollards, there is a risk that there are 'softer' routes into the area through carparks or privately owned land.

26/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

Approximately 150-300 people visible within the central forecourt area of Parliament grounds throughout the day yesterday.

The North Island Convoy is expected to leave today from Taupo (0600hrs), Inglewood (0715hrs), Auckland (0900hrs), Sanson (1100hrs), and Lower Hutt (1100hrs), heading for the Wellington protest. At the time of writing there is no indication of numbers in attendance.

The Freedoms and Rights Coalition intends to hold a march from Civic Square towards Parliament Grounds at 1100hrs.

Protesters continue to establish semi-permanent structures within the occupation, likely signalling their intent to remain long term.

Vulnerabilities in cordons continue to be exploited by protesters.

Single source information (currently unverified) on 25 February suggests protesters intend to bring at least one tractor to the protest at Wellington.

Information suggests that protest vehicles on Aitken Street are now chained together.

Media reporting indicates that at least 18 protesters have arrived via private boats on 25 February.

There are multiple reports of people in the camp being unwell.

Health risks at the protest site are an ongoing concern. Social media reports demonstrate protesters licking their hands and touching crossing buttons, particularly when masked members of the public or Police are nearby.

26/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1400hrs

As anticipated, weekend protesters have begun to arrive at the occupation. At approximately 1210hrs approximately 100-200 people and three to four bikes believed to be associated with The Freedoms and Rights Coalition (TFRC) left Civic Square enroute to Parliament.

Several groups from within the North Island Convoy (approximately 30 plus vehicles) arrived at approximately 1310hrs and were reportedly going to attempt to move bollards.

Some social media commentary centred on the high court ruling regarding vaccination mandates affecting Police and NZDF. It is possible that this will be viewed as another 'win' by protesters and continue to bolster their sense of legitimacy.

A small group associated with the protest appear to be attempting to serve 'trespass notices' at locations in the vicinity of the occupation.

Indications of an intent to build additional structures continue to be observed.

Staff have noted that the gate at the Hill/Molesworth Street intersection is being locked by protest security whenever Police approach.

Information suggests food organisers are planning on increasing food capabilities at the protest.

Reports indicate a local chemist has been abused by people from the protest wanting to pick up medication. Given the reported health concerns within the camp, it is possible there will be increased demand from protesters for medication.

26/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Notification – Weekend expectations

This intelligence notification has been produced to highlight possible factors influencing Operation Convoy for the weekend 26/27 February.

The 25 February 2022 announcement by the High Court which overturned vaccine mandates for New Zealand Police and New Zealand Defence will likely impact protester sentiment and appear as validation for anti-mandate causes

It is almost certain that protester numbers and vehicles will increase over the weekend through boat travel, convoys to Wellington, and non-protesters joining the occupation.

COVID-19 and other health risks are a significant concern and risk to staff safety and continuity over the weekend.

Protesters have become emboldened to try new approaches and employ offensive and defensive manoeuvres. It is possible that they will attempt to increase and strengthen their territories over the weekend. This will effectively make future police actions more difficult. Further, any use of offensive and defensive options by protesters may increase the risk of injury to staff, and to protesters themselves.

Due to the demand for vaccine mandates to be repealed by 1 March, it is likely protester activities will increase over the weekend.

27/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

At 2000hrs protestor numbers had reduced to 200-300 in the immediate forecourt area, by 2300 hours the numbers had reduced to less than 100 people.

There is evidence of increasing protester reconnaissance of Police operational activity and locations.

There were indications of two convoys heading to Wellington that could possibly have up to 100 cars in them, including a tractor. A convoy of approximately 10 vehicles arrived in Wellington around 2100hrs after forming up in Seaview.

Protest security appears to have increased their coordination by having two teams rotate shifts throughout the night. CCTV cameras have been targeted by protesters at night with substance(s) being smeared on the lenses.

It is possible protesters are broadcasting action plans to confuse Police or cause an overreaction.

A male was observed tying two bollards together with wire. If this tactic gains traction this could pose a safety risk for staff if not seen in darkness and also when moving bollards.

A wooden structure at the corner of Aitken and Molesworth Streets, has been placed over a manhole. If an ablution facility is installed there is a risk of connecting sewage to fresh water or greywater pipes.

The potential arrival of a tractor in Wellington CBD remains of significant concern due to its potential to move bollards with the potential to draw negative media attention to the Police response.

Protesters are continuing to probe weaknesses in the cordons.

27/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1400hrs

A male arrested overnight has been bailed and is due to appear in Wellington District Court 0900hrs on Tuesday, 1 March 2022. His court appearance will possibly attract the attention of fellow protesters.

A bus load of protesters departed Parliament this morning, heading north on State Highway 1. This is likely a decrease in the original protester numbers which possibly supports a changing protester demographic.

Nearby residents have reported fighting and arguments within the protest area over the last few nights. This is possibly indicative of a changing dynamic and a loss of social cohesion in certain areas within the protest.

Ablutions structures within the protest environment have been connected directly to main sewerage line and will not easily be removed through enforcement action.

“Convoy NZ 2022” in the South Island heading north is being led by truck with tractor on the back and a long line of cars. Should they be successful in making passage to Wellington this will increase the number of both vehicles and motivated people who are attending.

Eccleston Hill has been scouted by protesters including taking notes.

28/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

Overnight, the number of people in the central forecourt area of Parliament grounds dropped below 200.

Approximately 120 vehicles from the South Island convoy arrived in Picton from the South Island.

Staff continue to locate weapons concealed within the protest environment.

Protesters continue to focus on identifying suspected ‘undercover police’ among the protest.

Poor weather conditions mean that there are significant safety risks if members of the South Island Convoy attempt to cross the Strait in small vessels

Locations continue to be scouted by protesters looking for opportunities.

Protesters continue to enhance logistics capabilities, including attempted installation of a shower unit, and efforts to bring in a larger chiller container.

Wooden platforms have been constructed in trees alongside Parliament, reportedly for people to avoid any attempts to clear the protest site.

The Freedoms and Rights Coalition intends to hold and encourage a non-compliance with COVID orders on 01 March at 1000hrs.

Bollards around Parliament have been tampered with, possibly in attempt to get vehicles past the cordons.

28/02/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1400hrs

Protesters continue surveillance of police locations, numbers and activity – both in person or by drone.

Parliament is sitting tomorrow with some MPs likely onsite while others attend virtually. It is possible that protesters may try to intercept MPs as they arrive, presenting another level of security risk.

COVID-19 is spreading through the protest group.

Building materials continue to be delivered into the protest area before Police are able to intervene.

Protesters continue seeking resources that can counteract Police tactics, including obtaining a vehicle winch which may be used to attempt to move concrete bollards

Some protesters may be canvassing support for blockading Wellington railway station.

Protestors are adopting tactics such as using motorbikes to manoeuvre through the concrete barriers and possibly chaining vehicles together to prevent them from being towed.

01/03/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

Over 300 structures are visible on Parliament Grounds, with under 100 people estimated to be in the central forecourt area.

Overnight on 28 February, Police undertook an operation to remove the shower facility from the protest area.

Wellington City Council (WCC) have delegated NZ Police the authority to act as Council Enforcement Officers to ensure no further construction related material or activity can occur within the confines of the occupation.

Protesters have organised for events to occur between 1 March and 6 March.

There continues to be aggression occurring between protesters on and around Parliament grounds which is not reported to Police.

Misinformation continues to spread regarding the source of illness amongst the protesters.

Ongoing issues have been identified regarding illegally parked vehicles outside the cordon.

While protesters appear to maintain some sense of their own social contract within Parliament grounds, many continue to show a lack of respect for New Zealand law.

Should non-compliance events occur across Wellington District; it will almost certainly result in more calls for service and may result in increased response times.

Pipitea Marae continues to be a location of interest for protesters with a second attempt made to trespass Police and lawful occupiers.

01/03/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1400hrs

On the morning of 1 March, two drum fires were lit by protesters and fuelled by wood from trees on Parliament grounds.

Protest security reportedly had fewer roving patrols working overnight, and their numbers also described as decreasing.

Protesters continue to use drones near Parliament.

Multiple protesters have been seen coughing at or on Police staff operating cordons.

New World Thornden has reported that protesters have taken an estimated 100 trolleys from the supermarket.

Unconfirmed information suggests possible plans to protest at Wellington Central Police Station and Upper Hutt Mall.

02/03/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0900hrs

Protester numbers are much smaller than previous days, possibly about 120-130 active after Police enforcement action began.

Local protesters are calling for "mass demonstrations at Police Stations" as a result of this morning's enforcement.

OPSEC was breached throughout yesterday, with Police public order training observed in Porirua and reported by multiple protest influencers. Spotters were observed watching Wellington Central Police station this morning.

Protester strategy appears to be holding Police off physically until reinforcements arrive. As protester numbers increase, they form into ranks with arms linked and backs turned to Police showing a commitment to passive resistance. Aggression is shown by limited number of protesters and seems to be exhibited by the same individuals.

Protesters have been observed to pull Police into the crowd when the Police line advances.

Protestors are attempting to match Police with shields with their own numbers and protestor shields.

Once protesters are in place they usually remain static primarily acting to resist Police gaining ground.

A briefcase placed on the Parliament forecourt was likely a hoax IED designed to draw on Police resources and limit Police freedom of movement.

Protesters are actively filming and live streaming the action.

Children are currently known to be in protester defined safe zones on Parliament grounds and at the Law School.

Protesters have been using improvised weapons and successfully pushed Police back by discharging fire extinguishers.

02/03/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 1230hrs

Estimated 100-150 people on the Parliament forecourt, about 30-40 across Parliament and less than 15 people at the Law School. There are about 225 people across all sectors.

Parliament forecourt is clear to bring in temporary fencing.

Approximately 40 vehicles parked in the Bus Interchange, 20 vehicles on Kate Sheppard Place, 5 vehicles are left to clear from Aitken Street. Molesworth Street is clear down to Aitken/Hill Street intersection.

Removal of the illegal protester toilets at Molesworth Street/Aitken Street in progress. Bollards are now in place across Molesworth and Aitken Street.

The protest intent is focused on the Police line and there is no apparent planning to exploit other avenues which may interrupt Police action indirectly.

Protester UHF communications are down indicating their security system is unable to respond to this morning's Police action in a coordinated way.

Protesters seemingly have low energy levels on Molesworth Street and seem increasingly deflated. People are mad that allegedly Police promised a hui before any action.

Protesters are unclear on how far Police will push today.

Sentiment in the crowd is focussing on Police using excessive force.

Protesters are reportedly parking their vehicles at locations outside the original protest area.

Protesters may be seeking private land to occupy where Police cannot take enforcement action.

Protestors used sheets of plywood to line up against uniformed police on Molesworth and Hill Streets while others rearranged vehicles on Molesworth Street to form barriers and hold the line.

One of the protesters arrested this morning had a molotov cocktail in his possession.

Protesters were also seen taking down scaffolding poles on Kate Shepperd and handing them out

02/03/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update – Operation Convoy Risk Assessment

Police are almost certain to experience violence from protesters and their supporters. Weapons of opportunity are likely to predominate. This follows for targeting of police resources.

Buildings are likely to be targeted by protesters and their supporters through means of arson, looting, damaging, or tampering. Fires are likely to be the greatest on-going risk overnight.

It is highly unlikely an influx of supporters will occur. However, many protesters may seek to join other protest locations or become displaced and require wrap around support.

Wellington CBD may see an increase in people seeking refuge, including at bars, pubs, cheap accommodation, and police cells.

It is unlikely that protesters will re-coordinate in large numbers. However, it is possible they will seek to gain entry to Parliament grounds, join at other protest locations, or attempt to block critical infrastructure such as the ports or transport terminals.

Risks identified relating to:

- Staff Safety
- Public Safety
- Protester movement to secondary locations

03/03/2022: Wellington District Intelligence Update 0700hrs

Following a successful operation yesterday to clear Parliament Grounds, the protest area is quiet.

There will be a continued public interest in the protest location by both curious bystanders and likely former protesters seeking to recover personal items.

Strong, targeted aggression against authority was evident and is likely to continue, particularly online. High profile public figures in authority and Police are likely to be focal points for this aggression.

Protesters continue to observe and respond to Police tactics.

Internationally, convoy protest movements have acted to block major transport routes.

There is a risk that if displaced protesters can establish in alternative location, they will communicate this to people and may form a secondary encampment.

03/03/2002: Wellington District Intelligence Notification – Operation Convoy 48hr scenario generation

Regardless of the most likely scenario over the next 48hrs, Parliament Grounds will continue to require a Police presence.

Current environmental indicators assess that the most likely scenario is mass dispersal of protesters throughout the country with people looking for protest opportunities. This may result in ‘pockets’ of protesters establishing in different locations. There is a risk these ‘pockets’ of protesters will seek to coordinate and regroup.

Consideration might be given to redeploying some staff while retaining oversight of Parliament and surrounds. Redeployment would likely best serve operational goals through:

- providing high visibility prevention and reassurance patrols in the vicinity of Parliament and possible secondary locations,
- resourcing an investigation phase aimed at identifying and arresting key offenders in a timely manner.



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Intelligence Notification

Convoy 2022 (Second Wave)

11 February 2022

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To	Wellington District FIC
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Subject	Convoy 2022 – Second Wave

Background

1. On 08 February 2022, a convoy of vehicles arrived in Wellington from all over New Zealand for protest action at Parliament. Initially protesting the COVID-19 restrictions and vaccine mandates, the convoy has included several protest issues including the Bill of Rights, censorship, Three Waters reform and the use of 1080 in New Zealand.¹
2. At approximately 0700hrs on 10 February 2022, Police began to move some protestors from Parliament grounds. By the end of the day, 122 people had been arrested and trespassed from Parliament grounds.
3. On 09 February 2022, information posted on the private s.6(c) OIA announced a second wave to support the initial convoy would depart Auckland on 11 February 2022. Information regarding the exact travel details and expected numbers is limited, with most online commentary aimed at the events occurring at Parliament.

Second Wave

4. At 0330hrs on 11 February 2022, one truck and 24 cars were seen s.6(c) OIA congregating and departing from Auckland. It is likely the truck contains supplies and food for the protestors. s.6(c) OIA.³
5. Approximately 100 people are suspected to be travelling from New Plymouth and Whanganui to Wellington.⁴ These numbers will continue to be monitored.
6. Information suggests a group will be leaving Christchurch at 1130hrs possibly stopping in Picton to protest, as it is unlikely all will be able to board the ferry to Wellington. Ferry staff will be checking vaccine passes against alternate identification to avoid the fraudulent use of someone else's vaccine pass.⁵
7. A secondary s.6(c) OIA has been established called s.6(c) OIA⁶ with almost 4,000 members.⁷ Scanning of social media indicates engagement numbers on the second

¹ CONVOY 2022: WGD Intelligence Update. Released 08 February 2022 at 1700hrs. In Co nfidence.

² s.6(c) OIA on 10 February 2022.

³ s.6(c) OIA Received 11 February 2022 at 0846hrs.

⁴ s.6(c) OIA Received 11 February 2022 at 0900hrs.

⁵ s.6(c) OIA 11 February 2022.

⁶ s.6(c) OIA

⁷ s.6(c) OIA

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wave plans are significantly lower than that of the initial convoy. It is believed approximately 50-100 people have intentions of travelling to Wellington for this second wave convoy.⁸

- 8. Information suggests the second wave is expected to travel southbound on SH1 with three rest points: in Taupo (0900hrs & 1100hrs), Bulls (1330hrs & 1530hrs) and Plimmerton (1600hrs onwards). Those travelling to Wellington have been encouraged, via Zello, to travel in “stealth mode” with no visible flags and signs due to concerns around being stopped by Police.⁹ However, it is likely the convoy will still be visually identifiable by Police.
- 9. It is possible another group will depart Christchurch on 12 February 2022, with mention of “unmasking Blenheim”.¹⁰ This likely indicates they may travel incognito and begin their protest in Blenheim.

Social Media

- 10. s.6(c) OIA users are using a number of tactics, such as showing clips of alleged ‘police brutality’, and emotional appeals as a means to gather more supporters to attend Parliament.¹¹
- 11. s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]¹² It is possible this will result in additional traffic disruptions, additional Police resourcing and dissuade members of the public from going to a Police Station.
- 12. There has been some commentary regarding potentially identifying an alternative meet-up/occupation site, however no specific locations have been mentioned.¹³ It is possible popular freedom camping sites will become focal points for any new convoy members.
- 13. Sentiment from the protestors has been mixed, with some encouraging respect towards Police and members of the public.

Considerations

- 14. It is likely there will be wide-spread disruption of transport routes around Wellington if protestors and their vehicles are displaced from Parliament. It is likely they will then seek out an alternative location to protest.
- 15. It is likely additional protests will continue to occur at Police Stations around the country, resulting in additional strain on Police resources.
- 16. It is possible the heavy rain and severe gale winds expected over the weekend will deter some of the plans of the protestors, particularly in Wellington.
- 17. Anecdotal information from the initial convoy suggests protestors accidentally dropped items, such as signs and flags, from their vehicles. If this occurs again, it is likely a safety risk to other motorists.

⁸ s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] Received 10 February 2022 at 1423hrs.

⁹ s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] Received 10 February 2022 at 1544hrs.

¹⁰ s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] Received 10 February 2022 at 1144hrs.

¹¹ s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] Received 10 February 2022 at 1423hrs.

¹² s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] Received 10 February 2022 at 1842hrs.

¹³ s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] Received 10 February 2022 at 1544hrs.

Appendix 1:

s.6(c) OIA, s.9(2)(a) OIA



Appendix 2:

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Strategic Brief

Convoy Protest 2022: The Underlying Context

20 February 2022

Purpose

The purpose of this brief is to consider some of the underlying drivers behind individual and collective participation in the protest. The document seeks to identify the factors that have motivated such a disparate group of New Zealanders to come together. In doing so, this paper highlights potential pathways to de-escalation and resolution.

Preamble

Previous assessments have highlighted the importance of engaging on the most challenging topics in society through shared understanding and compassionate dialogue.

Failure to effectively discuss issues of concern to the wider population has the potential to create long-lasting division and a loss of trust in the system. Such a fracturing in society can culminate in groups and individuals who feel disaffected and maligned and who, as a result, feel unfairly treated. Common characteristics of such people can include perceptions of:

- Not being heard
- Being dismissed and ignored
- Disenfranchisement and disrespect
- Their struggles not being adequately acknowledged
- There being no end in sight to their hardship.

It is crucial to recognise that simply avoiding discussion on contentious and uncomfortable issues, or condemning those that raise them, does not address the problem. Such a dynamic creates further disengagement and can potentially lead to a backlash.

Background

The protest at Parliament is being conducted by a range of disparate groups with diverse viewpoints and motivations. There are also many individuals in attendance that do not belong to any particular group. The protestors range from reasonable individuals with genuine concerns, to conspiracy theorists. Under normal circumstances many of these individuals and groups would have little in common with each other. In fact, some have conflicting ideologies. The diverse perspectives and

nature of the groups attending means there are no clear leaders and therefore no shared representatives, making engaging with the groups particularly difficult.

The Underlying Context

The one thing that has united protestors is what they perceive as a '**common enemy**'. At present, this manifests in the form of the **COVID-19 mandates** - as this is something people can direct their frustrations at. However, **it is important to recognise that while the mandates might be a focal point for the protestors, the underlying reasons for the protest may run much deeper and have origins that pre-exist the emergence of COVID-19.**

Some will view the protestors as a small unruly group of misguided individuals and want to dismiss them without much thought. Nevertheless, it is important for us to understand this group of people and unpack what sits underneath their frustrations and their reasons for protesting. Understanding the root causes of their behaviour is key to addressing the protest.

Many of the protestors are people that have felt marginalised in society, which they believe has been further exacerbated by government policies. To compound that, the impact of COVID-19 in the last few years has caused many of them considerable anguish, some losing employment and income – materially impacting on their futures. Other protestors have concerns about the perceived loss of freedoms due to the restrictions. **Overall, a key driver of people's frustration is the fear that there is no clear end in sight to their hardship.**

Many feel unheard by political leaders and consequently ignored and dismissed by the establishment more generally. This has been compounded by the perception that COVID-19 related policies have not given weight to alternative views. People believe their additional suffering due to COVID-19 policies has not been appropriately acknowledged or addressed, to the degree that they now feel *compelled* to act against the establishment. It is worth recognising that in several western countries, dissatisfaction with the political establishment and eroding trust in political leaders

has led to multiple instances of civil unrest in recent years.

To date, the protest has been largely peaceful. However, there is a small number of individuals who have made direct threats of violence. Within that group are some individuals who simply lack the ability to express their feelings in a more appropriate manner. Despite their use of aggression to get their point across, it is unlikely these individuals have a real intention to harm others. It is important to recognise that any antagonism being expressed towards Government, and in particular the Prime Minister, is an expression of dissatisfaction and a lack of trust in the establishment (the system). The focus on the Prime Minister is due to her being the figurehead of the establishment and being at the forefront of New Zealand's COVID-19 response.

Irrespective of the protestors' views, their feelings are still very real and should not be dismissed out of hand. If their feelings are ignored this has the potential to further increase their frustration and anger.

Also, while the protest may be relatively small in terms of numbers, their sentiment is shared by a notable and growing proportion of the population. A recent survey suggests as much as 30 percent of the population support the anti-mandate aspects of the protest.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/127808790/parliament-protest-new-poll-shows-30-per-cent-of-kiwis-support-antimandate-protest>

While the protestors may be a small group, ignoring, dismissing, othering, or otherwise disrespecting them is unhelpful. It also has the potential to exacerbate the situation as the protestors do have the support of a much larger group.

Opportunity

It is important that concerted attempts are made by key political leaders to engage in constructive dialogue with the protestors. Significant benefits are likely to be realised from leaders **respectfully and compassionately listening to the protestors' positions, giving them an opportunity to genuinely feel heard and to vent their frustrations.**

It is important the leaders take cognisance not only of the concerns expressed, but also give due consideration to the reasons for their frustrations and the underlying causes of their concerns. It is just as important to understand what is *not* being said, as what *is* being said.

- **Simply, allowing people to be heard and not dismissed out of hand is likely to have a considerable effect on the impetus of the protest.**

Following this engagement, leaders would benefit from considering how to collectively address the underlying causes of the protestors' concerns – some of which have been highlighted earlier in this brief. A clear narrative then needs to be developed and communicated that addresses these concerns and provides a way forward.

- Measures, as simple as clearly stating under what specific conditions mandates are likely to end, will show their voices have been heard.
- Articulating a clear pathway back to the mainstream for those directly affected will help provide some certainty and reassurance for their future.

These actions could become the beginning of a broader conversation that addresses wider societal concerns.

Endnote

Previous documents highlighting the need for constructive conversations on polarising issues to prevent the erosion of social cohesion include:

Koi Tu (2021). *Sustaining Aotearoa New Zealand as a Cohesive Society*. The University of Auckland. December 2021.

NZ Police (2021). COVID-19: Social Discord and its long-term implications. Strategic Assessment. NIC [Restricted]

NZ Police (2019). Christchurch Mosque Attacks: Broader Context and Strategic Implications for New Zealand. Strategic Assessment. [In Confidence]

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Intelligence Notification

Māori and Sovereign
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Subject	Delineating sovereign citizens and Māori sovereignty activism

1. In the context of February 2022 anti-Mandate protests in Wellington, a number of sovereign citizens have been observed among the range of interests and groups present.
2. Known or notable Māori sovereignty groups or advocates have attended, and the protest has attracted widespread criticism from the Iwi Chair Forum.
3. On 22 February 2022 a s.6(c) OIA posted a short video of a group of protestors admonishing a cordon of NZ Police staff on upper Molesworth St, Te Aro.¹ This group was led by a male who attempted to 'serve papers' on the officers, and the group itself made a number of statements indicating that the staff present were guilty of 'high treason'.
4. Of particular interest in the video is the use of sovereign citizen language by the group. As discussed in s.6(c) OIA there is a degree of similarity between imported sovereign citizen ideology and the core tenets of Māori sovereignty. As a result it is easily possible to confuse genuine claims or demands for Māori sovereignty with sovereign citizens who might only have a rudimentary understanding of Māori cultural values and norms, the Treaty of Waitangi, and/or the several decades of progress in redress of indigenous political autonomy.²
5. Sovereign Citizens (SC) are a social and political movement that questions the legitimacy of modern government. The SC movement has been active in New Zealand for a decade or more, but has existed in various forms in the United States of America since at least the 1970s.³
6. Adoption of SC ideology is especially popular among individuals and groups who already feel isolated or oppressed by government or the actions of its agents (in New Zealand this is especially the case regards courts, police, or the taxation system). In the worst cases vulnerable people, especially the mentally unwell, can adopt or select ideological snippets from the movement to justify a very wide range of irrational and at times criminal behaviour.
7. Problematically many of the terms used in genuine Treaty-based political engagement, and the terms adopted by sovereign citizen ideology are similar. Sovereign citizens have also adopted signs and symbols normally associated with the Māori sovereignty movement, for example the Tino Rangatiratanga and He Whakaputanga flags. This coincidence of language can cause some observers to mistakenly claim that ideological 'Māori sovereignty' is on display, when in fact it is not.

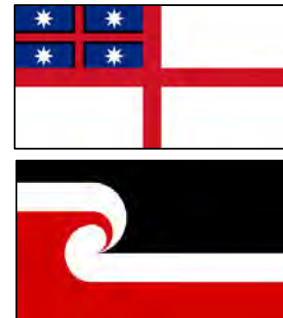


Figure 1: He Whakaputanga (above) and Tino Rangatiratanga (below)

s.6(c) OIA

² Although not sovereign citizens, an example of this type of group is the "Tūpuna Maunga Authority" that attempted to protest the removal of exotic trees from reserves in Auckland. They were widely slated for mimicking tikanga Māori, see (28/11/2019) Michael Neilson, "Ōwairaka/Mt Albert tree protesters slammed as 'woke, entitled Pākehā' at maunga hui", *NZ Herald*, accessed via <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/owairakamt-albert-tree-protesters-slammed-as-woke-entitled-pakeha-at-maunga-hui/W2GXY43LYJYPMFAVTGUYOGSWHE/> on 25/02/2022.

³ Anti-Defamation League, *The Lawless Ones: The Resurgence of the Sovereign Citizen Movement*, 2nd Edition, 2020

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Supporting Evidence

8. The video posted to **s.6(c) OIA** is a good example of the garbled ideology adopted by sovereign citizens. The video demonstrates that their conviction is closely held, and they *almost certainly* consider themselves to legitimately represent some form of authority. However, when unpacked and examined the claims do not have a coherent structure.
9. The specific claims made by the speakers that clearly identify them as sovereign citizens include the following:
 - a. That papers are being served from “the actual monarch”
 - b. That the action “was being done by the sovereign Māori nation” (although possibly “the Māuri Nation”),⁴ the “highest authority in this country under tikanga”.
 - c. That the actions of Police staff from the time of the delivery onwards makes them “liable for treason under L, O, R, E. Lore”, which others comment as being “natural law”, and “the real law”
 - d. That the group, having served the papers, will be able to go to the ‘supreme court’ and have all staff “tried for treason for breach of Section 22 of the Policing Policy Act 2008”.⁵
 - e. That Police staff have “all violated a trespass notice of Ngati Tama”
 - f. That these violations are “...high treason. Which is punishable by hanging. By the L. O. R. E. Tikanga, our highest lore in this country.”
 - g. One member of the group states “We are living beings”
 - h. And a claim is made that the group is ‘Lore Enforcement”.
10. As stated in **s.6(c) OIA** Sovereign citizen ideology is characterised by a large amount of wishful thinking, misinterpretation of legislation and legal frameworks, unsubstantiated claims to authority and/or freedom from state authority, and ‘cheat codes’⁶ such as claims to exemption from penalties, licencing, or reporting.
11. The concept of ‘Māori sovereignty’ is underpinned by the recognition of indigenous autonomy, that the indigenous authority existing before colonisation still holds in specific areas (for example the Seabed and Foreshore controversy), and is usually centred on the Treaty of Waitangi. The absence of the Treaty, but the presence of He Whakaputanga in the claims being made at the Wellington protest is a significant indicator that the group “serving papers” are not bona fide Māori sovereignty activists.

Signs, Symbols, and He Whakaputanga

12. The He Whakaputanga flag (see Figure 1) holds special significance for New Zealand sovereign citizens (both Māori and non-Māori) because it is thought to represent an authority existing before 1840. This aligns closely with sovereign citizen ideology, in which people see themselves as exempt from contemporary government and legislation – which is claimed to be a ‘corporation’ and without sovereign authority.
13. This type of misinformation-informed thinking is highly characteristic of sovereign citizens. There were a number of reports for example of protestors claiming that if they stated “I do not consent” three times that it would prevent sworn Police staff from being able to arrest them [source]. This is patently false, but was a firmly held belief of some protestors.
14. Others believe that if they claim to be a ‘free man’, or a ‘real’ or ‘natural’ person that Police authority does not apply to them. Again, this is false, and based on the idea that a person is only liable to laws and legislation if they agree to participate in the ‘system’ created by government.
15. Sovereign citizens will also equip themselves with bogus legal documentation and/or identification. As outlined in **s.6(c) OIA** the use of serving of papers they consider legitimate is a commonly deployed tactic.

⁴ **s.6(c) OIA**

⁵ This is likely a reference to s. 22 of the Policing Act 2008, which outlines the taking of an oath to become a Constable.

⁶ ‘Cheat codes’ are codes used in video games to bestow special powers or benefits not available to other players.

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Absence of credible Māori sovereignty advocates

16. Of the groups identified at the Wellington protest, none are assessed to be credible advocates for Māori sovereignty. Likewise, the premises of the protest have been rejected by iwi and hapū representatives across the country.
17. Attempts by protestors to claim that media, government, and others have been trespassed by Ngāti Tama have been rejected by iwi and hapū leaders representing almost mana whenua in the Wellington harbour area.⁷

Findings

18. The rejection of the protest and protest attendees by a range of representatives from Māori organisations and groups, and the clear articulation of sovereign citizen buzzwords and terms, indicates that 'Māori sovereignty' is not a significant issue in the Wellington protest.
19. Engagement with sovereign citizens will almost certainly differ from engagement with Māori sovereignty activists. Sovereign citizens are for example infamous for 'paper terrorism', where they continually bombard authority figures with bogus legal documentation, use false credentials to evade legal requirements or regulations, and who deploy quasi-legal statements in order confuse unaware Police staff.
20. However, although channelled through the garbled ideology of sovereign citizenry, many Māori are representing themselves, their families, and their own understanding of political autonomy. This means that issues such as indigenous rights are still relevant and should not be rejected out of hand (which would contradict strategic objectives such as *Te Huringa o Te Tai*, particularly Pou Mataara and our adoption of a Te Ao Māori view).

Considerations

21. Clearly understanding the nature of protestors and their drivers is important for trust and confidence in NZ Police. If Police were to make statements linking the sovereign citizen to the well-established Māori sovereignty movement it is likely to undermine efforts to demonstrate Police's ongoing commitment to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, and effective partnership with Māori.

⁷ (17/02/2022) Glenn McConnell and Bronte Metekingi, "Wellington's tangata whenua want protesters to leave", *Stuff News*, accessed via <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/300519255/wellingtons-tangata-whenua-want-protesters-to-leave> on 25/03/2022

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Intelligence Notification

Convoy 2022 – Social
Sentiment

14 February 2022

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Date	14 February 2022
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Subject	Convoy 2022 – Social Sentiment

Executive Summary

1. Sentiment towards the protest varies greatly between social media platforms. s.6(c) commentary has primarily been flooded by pro-protest sentiment, whereas s.6(c) OIA typically display anti-protest sentiment. At the time of writing, there appears to be a severe lack of middle ground between these two groups and it is likely that as time goes on, these groups will become more polarised.
2. A handful of moderate comments sympathising with the protesters' situation have been sighted, with commenters calling for the government to announce a mandate end-date to appease the protesters, however, these comments are few and far between.
3. There is a small number of individuals demonstrating frustration with Police for an ongoing light-handed approach to the protestors. Other commentators are sympathetic with the conditions Police are facing to keep the protest under control.

¹ CONVOY 2022: WGD Intelligence Update. Released 08 February 2022 at 1700hrs. In Confidence.



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Intelligence Notification

Convoy 2022 – Social
Sentiment

15 February 2022, 1300hrs update

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Executive Summary

1. Within the last day, information suggests the prevailing public sentiment towards the CONVOY 2022 protest is shifting from understanding and humour to frustration at both the protesters themselves and New Zealand Police (NZP) and Government responses to the protest. This is likely due to the perceived failure of Police actions to date and the lack of government response to anti-protest concerns. While there is an increased appetite for public action against the protesters, the overarching desire of the public is for the protester's vehicles to be moved.
2. Sentiment remains divided across social media platforms, with pro-protest narrative featuring heavily on s.6(c) OIA and anti-protest narrative featuring heavily on s.6(c) OIA.
3. Members of the public who hold moderate views towards the protest are unlikely to engage in a polarized debate on public social media. Comments sections on s.6(c) OIA tend to be brigaded by a small number of individuals who have strong views one way or the other, leaving moderate persons either unwilling or afraid to share their own opinions. In addition, anecdotal evidence suggests the extreme nature of online opinions is likely to drive individuals to express their opinions verbally rather than engage in online discussion.
4. Sentiment towards the protest is influenced by proximity to the protest itself; individuals based near the protest or within the Wellington region are more likely to have a negative opinion of the protest than those who are based in a different, unaffected city.
5. It is recommended that NZP engage with companies such as Research First to assist with NZP's understanding of how New Zealanders' feel about the protest activity at Parliament.
6. It is recommended that FIO's engage with members of the public in order to capture sentiment that may not be disclosed in an online environment.



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Convoy 2022 – Social
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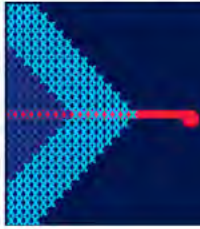
16 February 2022, 1400hrs update

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Date	16 February 2022
To	Director: National Intelligence New Zealand Police Commissioner
Prepared by	s.9(2)(g)(ii)
Approved by	
Subject	Convoy 2022 – Social Sentiment

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Executive Summary

1. Online sentiment remains fairly consistent with what has been observed over the last 48 hours. Most general public commenters have expressed their support of the right to protest, however, remain frustrated at the harassment, overall disruption, and public damage caused by the protesters. Opinion is increasingly divided on the appropriate response to protesters, with some supporting vigilante and counter-protest actions while others express interest in increased action from NZP, Wellington City Council, and the government. Due to the highly varied sentiment, it is *almost certain* NZP will continue to experience challenges appeasing public expectations while leaving room for legitimate protest.
2. Analysis of the median sentiment of the general public remains difficult due to the flooding of social media platforms by individuals who either strongly support or oppose the protest.
3. Members of the public who hold moderate views towards the protest are *unlikely* to engage in a polarized debate on public social media. Comments sections on s.6(c) OIA tend to be brigaded by a small number of individuals who have strong views one way or the other, leaving moderate persons either unwilling or afraid to share their own opinions. In addition, anecdotal evidence suggests the extreme nature of online opinions is *likely* to drive individuals to express their opinions verbally rather than engage in online discussion.
4. Sentiment towards the protest is influenced by proximity to the protest itself; individuals based near the protest or within the Wellington region are more likely to have a negative opinion of the protest than those who are based in a different, unaffected city.
 - a. As supporting satellite protests spread to other areas of New Zealand such as Cranmer Square in Christchurch, there has been an increased call from residents to local police and city councils to remove the protesters before numbers escalate beyond control.
5. Sentiment remains divided across social media platforms, with pro-protest narrative featuring heavily on s.6(c) OIA and anti-protest narrative featuring heavily on s.6(c) OIA
6. It is recommended that NZP engage with companies such as Research First to assist with NZP's understanding of how New Zealanders' feel about the protest activity at Parliament.
7. It is recommended that FIO's engage with members of the public in order to capture sentiment that may not be disclosed in an online environment.



Intelligence Summary



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Date and time	16 February 2022 1600hrs
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Key Assessments and Updates

The next INTSUM will be disseminated at 1600hrs on 17 February 2022.

Key Assessments

1. Protests throughout the country are likely to take inspiration from the protest at Parliament Ground. It is likely that any successes the protestors have will encourage protestors in other Districts.
2. Any Police enforcement is likely to generate further support for the protestors. Negative outcomes due to Police engagement will likely impact the tone of similar protests around the country.
3. Any physical attempts by protestors to block or impede the towing of vehicles may result in injury. Protestors will likely attempt to record such interactions and then share online, possibly fuelling further rhetoric regarding Police brutality and Government oppression.
4. It is likely that protestors will attempt various methods, such as locking themselves in their vehicles, to impede Police's efforts to remove vehicles from Parliament Grounds and the surrounding areas.
5. The Freedoms and Rights Coalition (TFRC) have previously held national protests that have attracted thousands of people. TFRC are planning a national stand scheduled for 19 February, however no further information about the protests have been released since 5 February. **Comment.** *It is likely the number of protestors will swell over the weekend. Due to both availability of protestors with jobs, and possibly TFRC members.* **End Comment.**
6. Public opinion online is becoming divided on what is the appropriate response to protestors. Some online commentators indicate their support for vigilante and counter-protest actions, while others express interest in increased action from New Zealand Police, Wellington City Council, and Government. At present this likely reflects a small number of individuals.



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Strategic Assessment

Freedom Convoy 2022

16 February 2022

Key Points

- ▶ On 08 February 2022 the 'Freedom Convoy' arrived on Parliament grounds, with vehicles blocking nearby streets and tents structures being set up on the Parliament lawn. As at 1144hrs on 16 February 2022, the protest was entering into its eighth day and there were approximately 850 people remaining on parliament grounds, with approximately 280 structures in place.¹
- ▶ **The primary driver behind the protest is principally political in nature and specifically relates to opposition of COVID-19 mandates, legislation, and restrictions.** While some protestors may be influenced by mis/disinformation, malign foreign influence, and violent extremist ideologies, this is not a key driver of the protest.
- ▶ There are a range of groups and individuals present at parliament grounds representing a wide range of views, ideologies, and causes. **Due to the variety of groups and individuals present, there appears to be no centralised leadership which is likely to hinder the ability of Police to negotiate with leaders within the movement.**
- ▶ Overall, the atmosphere of the protest has generally been positive and open source scanning has identified communications between protest participants which encourages protestors to act peacefully and lawfully. It is possible a small number of protest participants will look for opportunities to escalate the behaviour of protestors or prompt a response from Police.
- ▶ Unlike the New Zealand protest and activism landscape, internationally there have been a number of instances where protests have turned violent. Both protest actions and Police responses have likely influenced this behaviour. **It is likely an escalation in tactics by one group will almost certainly increase the risk of retaliatory escalation.**
- ▶ Law enforcement agencies across the globe employ a variety of enhanced tactical options not currently used by New Zealand Police, who employ standard tactical options for Public Order Policing (POP). **It is likely altering this tactic will negatively impact public trust and confidence, both in the short and long term.**
- ▶ There a number of key considerations that have been identified as a result of this assessment:
 - While the majority of protestors are likely to have peaceful intent, it is likely a small number of protest participants are seeking to spread misinformation and escalate tensions within the protest movement.
 - Maintaining protestor's trust and confidence in Police is likely key to ensuring the protest remains peaceful.
 - The relocation of protestor's vehicles may result in localised outbreaks of violent confrontation, and if successful, will likely displace the protest rather than bring about its end. This will cause new challenges in terms of a more dispersed protest and could increase the area effected by disruption.
 - The possibility of counterprotest occurring will likely increase the longer the protest continues. It is possible this will escalate tensions and cause conflict between the different groups.
 - If the 'Freedom Convoy' continues for a lengthy period of time, it is likely the number of resources available to deploy and monitor the event will be impacted.

¹ Personal Communication, **s.6(c) OIA**, New Zealand Police, 16/02/2022 1144hrs



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Intelligence Notification

Convoy 2022 – Social
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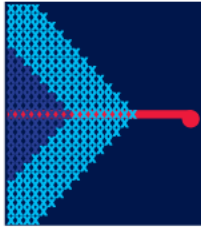
17 February 2022, 1400hrs update

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Date	17 February 2022
To	Director: National Intelligence New Zealand Police Commissioner
Prepared by	s.9(2)(g)(ii)
Approved by	
Subject	Convoy 2022 – Social Sentiment

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Executive Summary

- Public sentiment supporting the Police response to the protest appears to have decreased significantly since the 1615hrs Police press conference on 16 February 2022. Based on the content of previous press conferences, it appears an expectation was created with the public that Police would take more affirmative operational action, however, yesterday's press conference confirmed that Police will be engaging in a more consultive phase with protest leaders. The decrease in positive sentiment towards Police is almost certainly a result of Police's changing operational approach to the removal of protestors and their vehicles.
- Online commentary indicates the protest impact and public concern is continuing to increase daily, with one individual claiming they have left Wellington temporarily with their family as they felt unsafe living near the protest. Furthermore, language used by commenters is becoming more volatile and emotive. It is *almost certain* that the longer the protest persists the likelihood of members of the public taking action against the protestors increases. In addition, it is almost certain that attempts to negotiate with the protestors combined with perceived lack of Police response/support regarding public concerns has the potential to further undermine trust and confidence in Police.
- On the weekend of 18 February 2022, Victoria University students will be arriving in Wellington to move into their University Halls of Residence. Orientation week is expected to begin on Monday 21 February 2022. Five University locations are in close proximity to the protest, Joan Stevens Hall, Katharine Jermyn Hall, Boulcott Hall, Pipitea Campus, and the Law School. Several risks in relation to the students return have been identified. Refer to paragraph 18 for further context.
- Sentiment towards the protest is influenced by proximity to the protest itself; individuals based near the protest or within the Wellington region are more likely to have a negative opinion of the protest than those who are based in a different, unaffected city.
 - As supporting satellite protests spread to other areas of New Zealand such as Cranmer Square in Christchurch and the [Octagon in Otago](#), there has been an increased call from residents to local police and city councils to remove the protesters before numbers escalate beyond control.
- It is recommended that NZP engage with companies such as Research First to assist with NZP's understanding of how New Zealanders' feel about the protest activity at Parliament.
- It is recommended that FIO's engage with members of the public in order to capture sentiment that may not be disclosed in an online environment.
- It is recommended that Police increase engagement and reassurance with the general public to assure the public that their concerns and issues are a priority to NZP.



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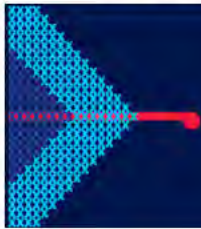
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Key Assessments and Updates

The next INTSUM will be disseminated at 1600hrs on 18 February 2022. Updated information will appear in blue text.

Key Assessments

- Attendance numbers today indicate the crowd appears to be increasing in size and will likely increase further towards the end of the week. Last weekend, despite the inclement weather, more people attended protest activity towards the end of the work week, with some remaining when a new work week began. This weekend will likely see an increase in protestor numbers once again, due to a fine weather forecast.
- Some Police staff have reported an increase in anti-Police sentiment today, despite Parliament protest crowds remaining largely friendly and non-aggressive with Police. It is currently unclear why there has been an increase in anti-Police sentiment, and monitoring will continue to better understand the nature and extent of this sentiment, and what opportunities exist to mitigate it.
- Unconfirmed reporting suggests Government agency staff have attended the Parliament Protests. Online sentiment highlights former Government employees, who have been dismissed due to vaccine mandates, attending demonstrations or voicing their support for the protest online.
- A counter protest titled "Reclaim Cranmer Square" created by "A Coalition Against the Freedom & Rights Coalition" is planned for 19 February at 1000hrs at Cranmer Square, Christchurch. As of 17 February 0945hrs, five people indicate they intend to go and 16 are interested.
- Protests throughout the country are likely to take inspiration from the protest at Parliament Ground. It is likely that any successes the protestors have will encourage protestors in other Districts.
- Any Police enforcement is likely to generate further support for the protestors. Negative outcomes due to Police engagement will likely impact the tone of similar protests around the country.
- The Freedoms and Rights Coalition (TFRC) have previously held national protests that have attracted thousands of people. TFRC are planning a national stand scheduled for 19 February, however no further information about the protests have been released since 5 February. **Comment.** *It is likely the number of protestors will swell over the weekend. Due to both availability of protestors with jobs, and possibly TFRC members.* **End Comment.**
- Public opinion online is becoming divided on what is the appropriate response to protestors. Some online commentators indicate their support for vigilante and counter-protest actions, while others express interest in increased action from New Zealand Police, Wellington City Council, and Government. At present this likely reflects a small number of individuals.



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Key Assessments and Updates

The next INTSUM will be disseminated at 1600hrs on 19 February 2022. Updated information is in blue.

Key Assessments

- As at 1200hrs on 18 February 2022, there were approximately 400 people and 310 structures on parliament grounds.¹ **Comment.** The movement of protesters and their activity locations outside the immediate protest area are an ongoing intelligence gap.² **End Comment.**
- There is possibly increasing tension among some protesters towards Police, which has become the focus of some online posts.
- Strategic planning regarding the placement of vehicles and disruption tactics have been discussed by some protesters,³ with some reportedly organising a planned response to prevent the towing of vehicles. There are concerns among some regarding disruption to supply chains and the impact this may have on the food zone.
- s.6(c) OIA
[REDACTED]
- The Security Intelligence Threats Group (SITG) are aware of three National Security persons of interest (POI) that are currently present at the protest. There is no information of concern identifying any specific or credible threat in relation to any persons at this time.
- Smaller protests in support of the 'Freedom Convoy' continue across parts of New Zealand. Open source collections have identified a s.6(c) post from s.6(c) OIA on 17 February 2022 which encourages spreading Police capacity over four cities in order to stretch Police resources."⁶ **Comment.** It is almost certain continued protest activity, in conjunction with increasing COVID-19 cases across New Zealand, will impact Police resources. **End Comment.**

¹ Personal Communication, s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] 18 February 2022, 1215hrs.

² WGD-IN-220218-Operation Convoy Intelligence Update. IN CONFIDENCE

³ WGD-IN-220218-Operation Convoy Intelligence Update. IN CONFIDENCE

⁴ s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED]

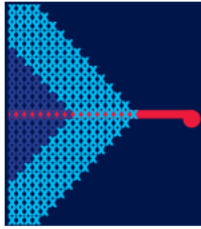
⁵ s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED]

⁶ s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED]

18 February 2022, 1336hrs

18 February 2022, 1448hrs

[REDACTED] 17 February 2022, 1158hrs



Intelligence Summary



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Key Assessments and Updates

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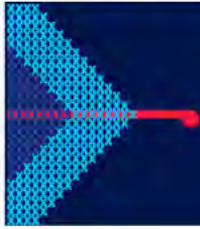
Key Assessments

- As at 1200hrs on 19 February 2022, there were approximately 1500 people visible within the main area of parliament grounds and over 300 structures.¹ Estimates indicate there are approximately 2,000 vehicles, 800 of which are illegally parked.²
- There appears to be growing hostility towards those who have been identified as members of the media. **Comment.** It is likely protest organisers are conscious of public perception and are attempting to maintain a positive public image by preventing media from reporting incidents within the grounds. **Comment End.**
- Misinformation continues to spread among some protesters regarding what Police officers are wearing and how this may result in a change in Police tactics. **Comment.** It is likely misinformation such as this will continue to circulate among protesters. It is possible this will increase feelings of anxiety among individuals and groups. **Comment End.**
- The protest area in front of Parliament is no longer a permissive environment meaning that uniformed Police are no longer carrying out reassurance patrols within the main camping area of Parliament grounds. **s.6(c) OIA**
Comment. It is possible limited visibility within the Parliament grounds hinders the ability of Police to identify and respond to risks or offending. **Comment End.**
- Unconfirmed reports have been received regarding possible hostile reconnaissance at Wellington Central Police Station and Parliament. **Comment.** This likely poses a risk to both staff safety and operational security. **Comment End.**
- A silent vigil is planned for 2100hrs on 19 February on Parliament grounds.³ **Comment.** The possible presence of lit candles poses a fire hazard. **Comment End.**
- There were a number of small protests across New Zealand in support of the protest at Parliament. The protest in Canterbury District was the most significant, with an estimated 3,000 people in attendance.
- General public sentiment towards Police has declined significantly. New Zealand Police's de-escalation strategy is being criticised by some who perceive this to be "inaction" and some individuals have voiced their support for vigilante actions against the protesters.

¹ WGD-IN-220219 Operation Convoy Intelligence 1400hrs

² **s.6(c) OIA** 19 February 2022, 1325hrs

³ **s.6(c) OIA** received 19 February at 0806hrs.



Intelligence Summary



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Key Assessments and Updates

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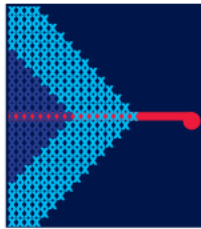
Key Assessments

- As at 1300hrs on 20 February 2022, there were approximately 1500 people visible within the main area of parliament grounds and over 300 structures.¹ Numbers have not decreased. As at 0700hrs on 20 February 2022 there are approximately 1270 vehicles, 800 of which are on street, another 300 at Sky Stadium. 100 vehicles are currently parked under the motorway behind Parliament, with another 20 new vehicles on upper Molesworth Street. A further 50 vehicles were dispersed in various locations.²
- On Saturday 19 February Police staff discovered grills had been removed from a service duct beside the Museum Street to Cenotaph Steps walkway in what was believed to be an attempt to gain internal access into Parliament buildings. Entry was not gained.
- As of 1000hrs 20 February 2022 the recently established donation site Profestnz has received \$21,978 in donations. This is a trend seen overseas with a GoFundMe campaign supporting the Canadian Freedom Convoy 2022 amassed \$7.8 million (USD) in donations.
- The protest continues to attract National Security persons of interest to attend. **s.6(c) OIA, s.9(2)(a) OIA** **[REDACTED]** has expressed his intent on **s.6(c) OIA** **[REDACTED]** to travel to the Wellington Protest this coming week. National Security persons of interests **s.6(c) OIA, s.9(2)(a) OIA** **[REDACTED]** have been observed by Police as attending **s.6(c) OIA, s.9(2)(a) OIA** **[REDACTED]** occupy protest activities.

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¹ WGD-IN-220220 Operation Convoy Intelligence 1400hrs

² Email Communication, **s.6(c) OIA** **[REDACTED]**, 20 February 2022 at 1018hrs.



Intelligence Summary



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Key Assessments and Updates

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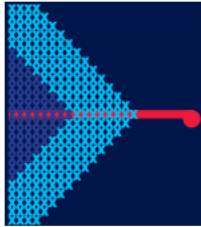
Summary Statement

Reporting over the past 24 hours indicates protest numbers at locations around New Zealand remain like previous days. A 'second wave' convoy has been organised and will likely increase numbers at South Island protests. The concrete blockades implemented at key locations in Wellington has likely disrupted the supply of goods to protestors and restricted vehicle growth. Friction between parties at Parliament Grounds have arisen and spilled over into social media.

As per the scenario generation models, these current indicators align with sections from the scenarios 'Baseline' and 'Negative'. For further detail, refer to the Scenario Generation models which are attached in Appendix B.

Key Assessments

1. At about 1230hrs there were about 950 vehicles in the protest area around Parliament. The barriers are working to contain the spread of cars, and Council staff are actively ticketing any cars parked outside the barriers.
2. At 0330hrs on 21 February 2022 a traffic management operation was implemented to create a one-way vehicle system with an exit only strategy. Staff and concrete blocks were placed at vital points in Thorndon to manage traffic moving in and out of the protest area.
3. Police observed at least three protesters wearing what appeared to be Police short-sleeved operational shirts, with a further shirt seen on a mannequin.
4. It has been reported that Police staff working at the protest site have been diagnosed as having COVID-19.
5. Tensions are increasing between the different factions within the occupation, and there is dissatisfaction with 'village life'. The multi-faceted nature of the occupying group and their leadership structure has meant there are issues emerging with retaining control over some aspects of the protests.
6. NZ Truckies posted on s.6(c) OIA about a second convoy titled "straggle muster" for those who missed the first convoy." The second convoy starts 26 February 0800hrs from Bluff to Christchurch and 27 February 0800hrs Christchurch to Picton.



Intelligence Summary



Title	Operation Oversight Intelligence Summary
Document reference	INTSUM-Op Oversight 220222
Date and time	22 February 2022 1600hrs
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Key Assessments and Updates

The next INTSUM will be disseminated at 1600hrs on 23 February 2022. Updated information is in blue.

Key Assessments

- At the time of writing, the protest at Parliament appears to be predominantly displaying indicators from the 'Baseline', however some indicators from both the 'Positive' and 'Negative' scenarios are present.
- As at 1500hrs, there were approximately 250 - 300 people and 300 structures on Parliament grounds.¹ As at 1242hrs, there were approximately 900 vehicles in the protest area around Parliament.²
- There has been an observed increase in aggression and agitation directed towards Police.³ Reports have been received indicating items such as metal poles, bars, and wooden sticks have been hidden in the vicinity of the concrete bollards.⁴ **Comment.** It is possible acts of aggression will continue to be observed. It is possible items such as those identified above could be used as improvised weapons. **Comment End.**
- Some protests across New Zealand continue to grow which support the Wellington protests against vaccine mandates. It is possible those who are unable to travel to Wellington will join protests in their own District. **Comment.** Similar to the protest at Parliament, it is possible these protests will be made up of a number of different groups with a variety of views. **Comment End.**
- Canadian Police have begun to remove checkpoints in Ottawa following Police action. Police were armed with batons and used pepper spray and stun grenades on protesters, clearing the area directly in front of Parliament. Some protest groups remain visible in areas surrounding Ottawa.⁵
- A video posted **s.6(c) OIA** shows Police pushing back against protesters, with one individual appearing to be injured by Police actions. Commenters on the video claim the actions of Police is evidence of Police brutality.⁶ **Comment.** While Police responses over the past 48 hours have garnered positive public commentary, it is possible this activity acts as a destabilising influence on protester temperament, increasing the risk of hostility and violence. **Comment End.**
- Factions are becoming apparent among the protest group. **Comment.** As the protest continues, it is likely fringe-protesters will move further away from anti-mandate messages and peaceful tactics, becoming more agitated, resulting in infighting. It is possible 'original convoy' protesters are struggling to maintain control of the protest. **Comment End.**

¹ Personal Communication, **s.6(c) OIA** 22 February 2022, 1500hrs

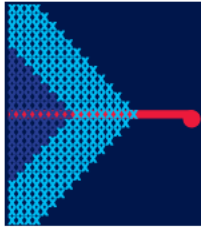
² Personal Communication, **s.6(c) OIA** 22 February 2022, 1242hrs

³ **s.6(c) OIA** 22 February 2022, 0855hrs

⁴ **s.6(c) OIA** 22 February 2022, 0807hrs

⁵ CBC News, <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-convoy-protest-emergencies-act-1.6359306>, retrieved 22 February 2022 at 1215hrs

⁶ **s.6(c) OIA** Retrieved 22 February 2022, 1212hrs.



Intelligence Summary



Title	Operation Oversight Intelligence Summary
Document reference	INTSUM-Op Oversight 220223
Date and time	23 February 2022 1600hrs
Produced by/location	National Intelligence Centre

Key Assessments and Updates

The next INTSUM will be disseminated at 1600hrs on 24 February 2022. Updated information is in blue.

Key Assessments

- Protests around the country continue, primarily in support of the removal of vaccine mandates and COVID-19 restrictions. **Comment.** It is possible these protests will provide a platform for other issues and groups, similar to what has been observed at the protest on Parliament grounds. **Comment End.**
- Reports have been received indicating some of the original protesters have begun to leave Wellington.¹ **Comment.** It is possible the absence of the moderating influence from original protesters will result in escalating clashes between protesters and Police. **End Comment.**²
- Unconfirmed reports suggest groups and individuals intend to travel to Wellington to support the protest at Parliament. **Comment.** While reports of travel remain unconfirmed, it is possible those intending to travel to Wellington will arrive at the weekend, increasing protester numbers. **Comment End.**
- Wellington District reporting indicates it is possible the protest at Parliament is transitioning away from vaccine mandates and towards the more complex issue of Māori sovereignty and indigenous rights.³
- The business used by Police to supply and lay concrete bollards has since been inundated with threats towards them and their property.⁴ **Comment.** It is possible similar instances will occur should other businesses be required by Police to assist with further protests. **Comment End.**
- On 26 February 2022, The Freedom and Rights Coalition (TFRC) intend to conduct marches to raise awareness for the removal of mandates.⁵ **Comment.** It is currently unknown how many individuals intend to take part however, given TFRC's supporter base, attendance could be significant. **Comment End.**
- A post online indicates a possible intention among protest groups to establish an "Auckland Freedom Town."⁶ **Comment.** There is currently no indication to where 'Freedom Town' may be established, though Mt Eden or the Auckland Domain have been suggested as potential locations. **Comment End.**
- The occupation committee at Cranmer Square are concerned about their ability to control the behaviour of protesters as numbers grow, with reporting suggesting this is being influenced by homeless people and individuals who are critical of the controlled, peaceful behaviour of original occupiers.⁷

¹ WGD-IN-220223 Operation Convoy Intelligence Update 1400hrs

² WGD-IN-220223 Operation Convoy Intelligence Update 1400hrs

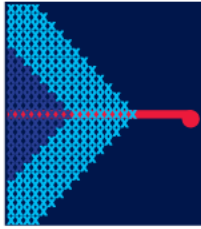
³ WGD-IN-220223 Operation Convoy Intelligence Update 0700hrs

⁴ WGD-IN-220223 Operation Convoy Intelligence Update 0700hrs

⁵ s.6(c) OIA [redacted] retrieved 23 February 2022 at 1030hrs

⁶ s.6(c) OIA [redacted] retrieved 23 February 2022 at 0750hrs

⁷ CND-220223 CND Protest Activity Scanning Report, retrieved 23 February 2022 at 1104hrs



Intelligence Summary



Title	Operation Oversight Intelligence Summary
Document reference	INTSUM-Op Oversight 220224
Date and time	24 February 2022 1600hrs
Produced by/location	National Intelligence Centre

Key Assessments and Updates

The next INTSUM will be disseminated at 1600hrs on 25 February 2022. Updated information is in blue.

Protests around the country continue, primarily in support of the removal of vaccine mandates and COVID-19 restrictions. The Freedom and Rights Coalition have announced plans to conduct marches on 26 February 2022 in several districts, including across the Auckland Harbour Bridge. **Comment.** It is likely these activities will cause localised disruptions and provide a platform for other issues and groups. **End Comment.**

Key Assessments

- On 26 February 2022, The Freedom and Rights Coalition (TFRC) intend to conduct marches to raise awareness for the removal of mandates (Tāmaki Makaurau (TM), Bay of Plenty, Eastern and Canterbury District). Intentions for the TM march includes the blocking of two Harbour Bridge lanes. **Comment.** Given TFRC's supporter base, and previous protest activities it is possible these events could have thousands of attendees. This is likely to be further exacerbated by additional protest groups endorsing demonstrations and sharing related content online. **Comment End.**
- Travel, and expressions of intention to travel, to protest events throughout the country are likely to continue, whether in relation to attending Parliament grounds or supporting TFRC type marches. Travel is not confined to road vehicles, with three vessels having been confirmed to have ferried protestors to Wellington from Picton. Further vessels expected to cross the Cook Strait tomorrow (25 February 2022). Those who have reportedly left the Wellington Freedom Convoy are likely to return to their respective districts and may participate in upcoming protests in their regions.
- Parliament protestors continue to cause disruption and inconvenience to the surrounding businesses and premises. Recent incidents at Pipitea Marae (a protester entering the Marae) and Thai Embassy (noise complaint) were reported to Police.
- An Auckland-based occupy protest is becoming increasingly possible. A group of approximately 20 people, including well-known Auckland protestors, gathered to discuss logistics and administration of a large-scale occupy-style protest with Albert Park being the preferred area for occupation.¹ **Comment.** An occupy-style protest in Albert Park is likely to cause disruption to Auckland University students and increase demand for Police staff. **Comment End.**

¹ Email Communication, ~~s.6(c) OIA~~ retrieved 23 February 2022 at 1808hrs



Intelligence Summary



Title	Operation Oversight Intelligence Summary
Document reference	INTSUM-Op Oversight 220225
Date and time	25 February 2022 1600hrs
Produced by/location	National Intelligence Centre

Key Assessments and Updates

The next INTSUM will be disseminated at 1600hrs on 26 February 2022. Updated information is in blue.

It is likely the planned Freedoms and Rights Coalition protests throughout the country on 26 February, and the existing occupation on Parliament grounds, will create greater demand on the organisation to police both attendance and travel. Today's (25 February 2022) announcement by the High Court which overturned vaccine mandates for New Zealand Police and New Zealand Defence will likely impact on protester sentiment and appear as validation for anti-mandate causes.

Key Assessments

- The Freedom and Rights Coalition related protests set to occur over the weekend of 26-27 February 2022 are likely to cause localised disruptions. Smaller demonstrations in relation to the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine at related locations of interest are also likely to occur.
- It is difficult to assess the total number of protestors who may attempt to cross the Cook Strait on private vessels, however it is likely this will continue to occur over the weekend. Two vessels have arrived from Picton over today (25 February 2022). Open-source reporting suggests one vessel transported 18 protestors. See Boat Convoy section (point 21).
- **s.6(a) OIA** [REDACTED]
- Oranga Tamariki reported youth under their care have attended Parliament over previous weekends, primarily to partake in the food, music, and atmosphere. **Comment.** With a more moderate crowd leaving the protest it is possible that the camp site will become increasingly dangerous for youth who want to attend the protest. It is possible that calls for service relating to youth will occur over the weekend should they attend. **Comment End.**
- On 25 February 2022, Police Intelligence released a training video for frontline staff regarding **s.6(c)** [REDACTED]. This video will help contribute **OIA** staff situational awareness of people during crowded places and major events development. **Recommendation.** All staff working in response to Operation Convoy and those responding to national protests should view this resource. **Recommendation End.** It can be found via [the following link](#).

s.6(a) OIA [REDACTED]



Title	Operation Oversight Intelligence Summary
Document reference	INTSUM-Op Oversight 220226
Date and time	26 February 2022 1600hrs
Produced by/location	National Intelligence Centre

Key Assessments and Updates

The next INTSUM will be disseminated at 1600hrs on 27 February 2022. Updated information is in blue.

At the time of writing, the protest landscape in New Zealand appears to be predominantly displaying indicators from the 'Baseline', however some indicators from the 'Negative' scenario are present. Some protesters at Parliament continue to employ counter-tactics against Police and inter-group conflict continues. While protests across New Zealand continue in support of the Wellington protest, no issues have been reported.

Key Assessments

- **s.6(a) OIA**
[REDACTED]
- On 26 February 2022, 30 vehicles from the lower North Island Convoy arrived at the protest at Parliament,² and the Southern Convoy 2022 departed Bluff with an intention to travel to Wellington. Reporting indicates there are approximately 75 vehicles in this convoy. At times, the convoy caused traffic congestion, however no other issues were reported identified. Further arrivals are expected throughout the weekend.
- As at 1100hrs on 26 February 2022, there had been no notable increase in vessels at the Picton Harbour. However, open-source scanning indicates there continues to be discussions around the use of private vessels to travel between Picton and Wellington.
- On 26 February 2022, The Freedom and Rights Coalition (TFRC) carried out protest marches in seven Police Districts. Attendance varied across Districts, with protests in Canterbury and Tāmaki Makaurau having the highest attendance. Apart from some traffic congestion, no significant issues were reported.
- Over the last 24 hours, positive sentiment and confidence amongst protesters has increased, bolstered by news of reinforcements arriving in Wellington, protests occurring across the country in support of the movement, and the NZP/NZDF High Court ruling which protesters consider a 'win' that will set a precedent for future court cases.³ However, some protesters have questioned whether the High Court ruling is a strategy to increase NZP and NZDF numbers through returning staff.⁴

¹ **s.6(a) OIA**
[REDACTED]

² Wellington District Intelligence Unit, New Zealand Police. WGD-IN-Operation CONVOY 2022 1400HRS, 26 February 2022.

³ **s.6(c) OIA** [REDACTED] Retrieved 26 February 2022, 1137hrs.

⁴ **s.6(c) OIA** [REDACTED] Retrieved 26 February 2022, 1035hrs.



Intelligence Summary



Title	Operation Oversight Intelligence Summary
Document reference	INTSUM-Op Oversight 220227
Date and time	27 February 2022 1600hrs
Produced by/location	National Intelligence Centre

Key Assessments and Updates

The next INTSUM will be disseminated at 1600hrs on 28 February 2022. Updated information is in blue.

Key Assessments

- The protest in Wellington remains the largest and most sophisticated, with ongoing indications of an intended long stay at Parliament. **Comment.** It is likely Wellington residents and affected businesses in the area will become increasingly frustrated with the length of the protest. **Comment End.**
- As at 0800hrs on 27 February 2022, protest numbers range between 150-300 people.¹ One tractor arrived at the protest towing a trailer with supplies of food. Protesters unloaded the food, the tractor did not attempt to enter the cordon, and departed for Tāmaki Makaurau a short time later.²
- As at 1230hrs on 27 February 2022, the 'Southern Convoy' of approximately 120 vehicles departed Kaikoura for Picton.³ Information indicates the convoy is being led by a truck with a tractor on the back of it. **Comment.** It is unknown how many individuals intend to travel on to Wellington. **Comment End.**
- Small numbers of protesters continue to arrive in Wellington from Picton via private vessel,⁴ with approximately 12-14 people reportedly arriving in Wellington via private vessel on 27 February 2022.⁵ Some members of the 'Southern Convoy' have indicated their intent to use kayaks and private vessels to travel from Picton to Wellington.⁶
- On 26 February 2022, s.6(c) OIA, s.9(2)(a) OIA [REDACTED] ⁷ was arrested for inciting violence and disorder under the Summary Offences Act 1981.⁸ On 27 February 2022, s.9(2)(a) OIA [REDACTED] was released with Police bail conditions.
- Two protests occurred in Tāmaki Makaurau and Wellington over the weekend regarding the Russia and Ukraine conflict. However, no issues were reported.
- There are additional occupations occurring in Tāmaki Makaurau and Central Districts. These remain small in attendance. In Tāmaki Makaurau, discussions between protesters, Police and Auckland City Council remain ongoing.

¹ s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] Auckland District. Received on 27 February 2022 at 0930hrs.

² s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED]. Received on 27 February 2022 at 1055hrs.

³ s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] retrieved on 27 February 2022 at 0833hrs.

⁴ WGD-IN-220227 Operation Convoy Intelligence Update 1400hrs. In Confidence.

⁵ s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] Auckland District. Received on 27 February 2022 at 1503hrs.

⁶ s.6(c) OIA [REDACTED] New Zealand Police, 27 February 2022 at 1319hrs.

⁷ PID# s.6(c) [REDACTED]

⁸ NIA Record ID: s.6(c) [REDACTED]



Intelligence Summary



Title	Operation Oversight Intelligence Summary
Document reference	INTSUM-Op Oversight 220228
Date and time	28 February 2022 1600hrs
Produced by/location	National Intelligence Centre

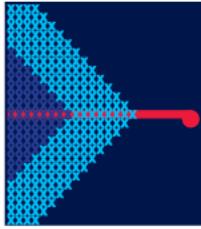
Key Assessments and Updates

The next INTSUM will be disseminated at 1600hrs on 01 March 2022. Updated information is in blue.

Protest sites across New Zealand continue to establish themselves with semi-permanent structures such as, portable showers, toilets, and kitchens. This likely indicates intentions to prolong their stay while mandates remain in place. The deadline for the *United Non-Compliance* call for action, set by The Freedoms and Rights Coalition, is due at 1000hrs 1 March. Although not specified, it is likely this will result in increased protest activity at multiple locations in New Zealand.

Key Assessments

- The Freedoms and Rights Coalition (TFRC) plan to activate their *United Non-Compliance* at 1000hrs on 1 March 2022 (tomorrow) if vaccine mandates are not lifted. TFRC also advise all New Zealanders to behave as though the Public Health Response Act orders and notices have been revoked following this deadline.
- The continued establishment of communal, semi-permanent structures at Parliament will likely prolong any Police efforts to move on attendees and their belongings.
- General sickness on Aitken Street has been reported, with several people with 'flu-like' symptoms behind the Cathedral. It is likely COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the protest site.
- Online rhetoric in relation to upcoming protests includes references to Police's ability to respond to concurrent protests. There is a belief amongst protestors that increasing concurrent demand on Police, and limiting Police's ability to respond, will result in a response from the Prime Minister (engagement or the removal of all vaccination mandates).
- Police arrests of influencers, spokespersons, and enablers amongst the protest are likely to be met with heavy online criticism from protest supporters. Following the arrest of key influencer **s.9(2)(a) OIA**, Police have been referred to as 'crown agents', with some claiming that **s.9(2)(a) OIA** was kidnapped rather than arrested. **Comment.** It is likely any future arrests of high-profile individuals involved with the protest will receive a significant amount of attention online from protesters and their supporters. It is also likely that any such arrests will cause further tension and mistrust between protesters and Police. **Comment End.**
- It is almost certain Police's response to protests (lawful or unlawful) and/or perceived shortcomings when policing possibly unlawful occupations/demonstrations impacts public trust and confidence.
- It is possible Police enforcement activity at one or more of the current occupation sites may escalate other national demonstrations.



Intelligence Summary



Title	Operation Oversight Intelligence Summary
Document reference	INTSUM-Op Oversight 220301
Date and time	1 March 2022 1600hrs
Produced by/location	National Intelligence Centre

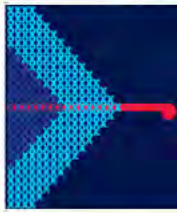
Key Assessments and Updates

The next INTSUM will be disseminated at 1600hrs on 2 March 2022. Updated information is in blue.

Protest action relating to COVID mandates continues across the country. Protestors in Wellington have commented publicly on social media platforms that police numbers have increased over the weekend, and they expect Police to take enforcement action within the next 48hrs. This will likely see protesters nervous, anxious, and prepared to respond to enforcement activity. Recent behaviour over the past few weeks have confirmed a willingness on the part of protesters to meet force with force. To date, this has been largely proportionate and has not caused a major escalation in the situation, or towards wider violence, and has quickly dissipated. However, Wellington based protesters have demonstrated a capacity to respond to police action quickly and in a manner that seeks to undermine Police efforts whilst maintaining a self-perceived positive public profile.

Key Assessments

- Protestors are communicating about an increased Police presence in Wellington and encouraging associates to attend Parliament grounds in support.
- Picton residents are growing in frustration regarding the occupation of Nelson Square and are suggesting their own possible actions (wilful damage, theft, and assault), which they intend to then blame on protesters.
- Protester's intent (confidence and desire) to cause harm to Police should be considered likely. Their collective capability (range of resources and individual knowledge) is assessed as almost certain. Threat of weapon-based violence towards Police is currently assessed as high/expected (see points 11 – 15).
- It is believed that Police vehicles were damaged by protesters in response to the removal of the shower block. It is likely this illustrates the risk of retaliatory and/or counter tactics protesters may commit in response to Police enforcement action.
- Approximately 50 demonstrators attended a 'sit in' at the Palms Mall food court (Canterbury District) at 1200hrs in response to The Freedoms and Rights Coalition's (TFRC) call for a display of *united non-compliance*. There were no related incidents of note. No other events of significance were observed nationally in relation to TFRC's call to action.
- Online rhetoric in relation to TFRC *united non-compliance* includes protesters attending former workplaces to challenge employers, taking down COVID-19 related signage and refusing to show vaccine passes. It is possible this could result in a greater number of calls for service at businesses reporting conflict between protesters, patrons, and employees.
- Online scanning has highlighted calls for protesters to make false 111 calls to consume Police resource and the installation of CCTV throughout occupied sites to gather 'evidence' against Police.



Intelligence Summary



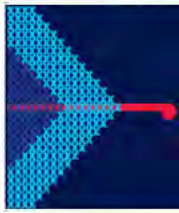
Title	Operation Oversight Intelligence Summary
Document reference	INTSUM-Op Oversight 220302
Date and time	2 March 2022 1600hrs
Produced by/location	National Intelligence Centre

Key Assessments and Updates

The next INTSUM will be disseminated at 1600hrs on 3 March 2022. Updated information is in blue.

Key Assessments

- On 2 March 2022 Police commenced an operation to tow vehicles from Parliament grounds. At the time of writing, the operation remains ongoing, with aggression and minor acts of arson and wilful damage observed by some protesters. **Comment.** It is likely the behaviour of the Wellington protesters will escalate in response to Police continuing to disrupt and remove protesters from parliament grounds. **Comment End.**
- The Police operation in Wellington has resulted in significant discussion online, and there has been an observed increase in protest activity across the country. This is likely in response to calls posted on social media for people to protest in their own district in support of the Wellington protesters. Protests have been observed outside Police stations around the country and remain ongoing.
- In the short term, efforts by protesters to reoccupy ground lost to Police are possible, either immediately or in coming days. It is possible the current protest will be reinforced, with calls for assistance already being seen on social media. Displaced protesters from Wellington and supporters around the country could be encouraged to join other satellite protest sites.
- While the number of protesters at parliament and at sites around the country may decrease in the coming days, concern remains regarding the significant number of individuals who may have been influenced by some of the narratives surrounding the protests, including narratives related to the ongoing mandates.
- While there have been no specific incidents to date, information has been received which expresses intentions to disrupt infrastructure. Information suggests protesters at Nelson Square are planning to block off SH1, the port, and ferry terminals in Picton, however this information has not been corroborated. **Comment.** It is possible protest tactics around the country will change in response to the Police action at parliament today, with a possible shift from peaceful protests to more aggressive tactics. **Comment End.**
- Calls have been made online for gang members to join the Wellington protest. **Comment.** It is possible additional New Zealand Adult Gang members will be influenced to join the protest, and they may demonstrate aggressive tactics aimed at outwitting Police. **Comment End.**



Intelligence Summary



Title	Operation Oversight Intelligence Summary
Document reference	INTSUM-Op Oversight 220303
Date and time	3 March 2022 1600hrs
Produced by/location	National Intelligence Centre

Key Assessments and Updates

The next INTSUM will be disseminated at 1600hrs on 4 March 2022. Updated information is in blue.

Key Assessments

- Following a successful operation on 2 March 2022 to clear Parliament grounds, the protest area is quiet and secure, with a large contingent of Police staff on site.
- Wellington protesters have been displaced to the Miramar Peninsula and the south coast of Wellington, with vehicles parked in make-shift campsites. **Comment.** Early indications suggest some protesters have already made plans to travel south to join protesters in Tasman and Canterbury District. It is likely this may be seen in other districts which have protests supporting the Freedom Convoy. **Comment End.**
- The response to the Police action at other protest sites have been varied. The Auckland Domain occupation was successfully cleared this morning with no issues reported and the Picton protestors have stated their intention to vacate the site and relocate to private property. The occupation at Cranmer Square remains, with no indication they are planning to vacate the site, however there are no indications of an escalation or an increase in aggression.
- Online sentiment has also been varied, with shock and surprise at the outcome of the protest, various stages of grief, and blaming the Government and Police for how the events unfolded observed. In addition, many protesters and their supporters are posting online claiming Police brutality, and the use of excessive force during the Police action.
- There continue to be significant number of rumours are circulating online blaming Antifa supporters for the violence being attributed to protesters during the Police action on 2 March 2022. **Comment.** It is likely protesters will seek out alternative narratives which explain the violence at Parliament, without placing any blame on the protesters. **Comment End.**



Tactical Options Report - Person

Report Number: TO220314009

Current Status: Completed

Last Updated: 22/03/2022 09:54:59

Assigned to: s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)

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Reporting Officer: **s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)** | Sergeant | **s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)** | **s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)** Phone (Ext): **s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)**

Incident Details: P049797452

Incident details

Date & Time 02/03/2022 14:27	Event Type 6550 - Telecommunications Act	CARD Event Number P049797452
Address 1 MOLESWORTH ST	Suburb PIPITEA	Town/City WELLINGTON CITY
Incident Station Wellington Central	Incident Area Wellington Area	Incident District Wellington

Workgroup at time of event

Police Support Unit (PSU)

Specialist groups who attended

Police Support Unit (PSU)

List of Police at Incident

Name (QID)	Rank	Position	Phone Extension
s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	Senior Sergeant	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)

Narrative

1) Background and context

The nature of the incident and any additional context prior to the use of force.

Op Convoy was an unlawful protest and occupation of Parliament grounds and the surrounding streets in Wellington.

On Wednesday 2 March 2022 Police took deliberate action to remove the protestors, their tents and vehicles from this area.

300 Public Order (PSU) trained police staff took action beginning at 0600hrs that morning.

PSU officers had with them shields, helmets and any other equipment required for their duties.

Staff were advised to put their OC Spray into their right hand trouser leg pocket. Team leaders would have their OC Spray in their pouches.

I led a team of 12 Constables who were equipped with helmets, gloves and KN95 masks.

Over the loud speaker from Parliament, people were advised that they were unlawfully on Parliament grounds and that it was closed, along with the surrounding streets. If people did not leave, they would be trespassing. If they obstructed Police in the execution of their duty, they may be arrested.

During the morning there were various incidents of violence towards Police staff, particularly on Molesworth Street where Fire extinguishers, poles, tables, pallets, paint, other liquids and chairs were thrown at and used on police.

I was deployed to the Parliament Library forecourt during the morning where Police only encountered verbal abuse and no violence.

At 1400hrs I was directed to assist in clearing the Parliament Library lawn of protestors and their tents.

At approximately 1410hrs a request for assistance was issued by Unit Commander **s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)** and his team on Molesworth Street and Hill Street/ Aiken Street. They were encountering significant violence from protestors who would not move and were throwing objects at police. This included Fire extinguishers, poles, tables, pallets, paint, other liquids, chairs and black rubbish bags that had been set alight.

I took a team of 6 Constables with me to assist on Molesworth Street.

On arrival I was directed by **s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)** to assist on the left flank of the Police line where protestors were attempting to push police and their shields back.

I took 3 of my Constables to that location to assist.

2) Your ongoing TENR assessments and your responses

Describe all of your continuous assessments of the Threat, Exposure, and Necessity to respond. Your Responses, and the justification for your responses in law and the TOF.

THREAT - Violent protestors using various items as weapons to throw at Police. Fire extinguishers, poles, tables, pallets, paint, other liquids, chairs and black rubbish bags that had been set alight. Protestors were spitting at Police staff.

Protestors were also using two large 1000L water tanks to slam up against the Police shield line.

These 1000L tanks were being pushed up repeatedly against the Police long shields by several male and female protestors.

This was causing the officer holding the long shields to brace themselves, with another police member behind them pushing against their back to stop them from falling backwards.

These people were told to stop and move away but they continued to shove the large 1000L water tank up against the Police shields.

I feared that Police staff or myself could be injured as a result of these actions.

These protestors were in the assaultive range.

Many of these protestors wore eye protection in the form of goggles or face shields, while others wore masks.

NECESSITY - I needed to act immediately to protect myself and other staff members who were holding shields that were pushed up hard against the 1000L water tank. These staff members could not use any tactical options because their shields were stuck between themselves and the 1000L water tank. They could not withdraw back as we could not allow the protestors to move back into the space Police had already gained. Those protestors were in that place illegally and were obstructing police in the execution of their duty who were trying to clear people, tents and vehicles off Molesworth Street.

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RESPONSE - I indentified several of the protestors who were using the 1000L water tank as an improvised weapon and shoving into Police shileds and officers.

I yelled at them to stop and leave the area as they were obstructing police. This direction was not followed and several more protestors joined in the pushing.

I yelled a warning again to stop or they would be sprayed.

When they did not stop, I removed my OC spray from my pouch and called for the long shields to move apart.

I deployed it into the face of these protestors who were pushing the water tank.

It had an immediate effect on those who were not wearing eye protection and they withdrew back from the water tank.

For other protestors, it took longer to take affect as the OC spray was aimed at their face. These protestors also withdrew away from the water tank.

What happened next was that other protestors took up positions where the others had been, and took to shoving the wanter tank up against Police shields.

I observed that several of the people i had deployed OC spray at, were being treated with milk into their eyes and face by other protestors.

After a very short time, many of these people I deployed OC spray at returned to the water tanks and began shoving them up against Police.

I deployed firtyher OC Spray at these protestors until my can run out.

Again this had an immediate affect with the spray hitting their eyes and face.

I reached into pocket of a Police members right hand pocket and retrieved their OC spray as the threat still remained. Further protestors had come forward to shove the water tank into police.

I deployed more OC Spray into the face of these protestors and they withdrew back.

I deployed approximately 4 cans of OC Spray during this short time.

As the protestors withdrew because of the OC Spray, I directed the staff with shields to move forward passed the water tank and set a new line. The water tank was pulled back passed the police line so it could not be used again to harm police.

This new line then moved forward unobstructed towards Kate Shepherd Place where we held for further direction from the Unit Commander.

Subjects at Incident

^ **1. Male, 25, Maori**

Gender	Ethnicity	Estimated age
Male	Maori	25

Behavioural observations

Aggressive demeanour, Threaten Police, Verbally abusive, Physically assault Police, Spit blood/saliva at Police

Mental/emotional state observations

Excited delirium/hysteria, Other (Angry, agitated, aggressive, violent)

Weapon possession

Had a weapon

Injury sustained

Yes

Subject Weapons**Weapon Type**

Bludgeoning/hitting weapon i.e. blunt weapon

Weapon Usage

Used

Recovered

No

^ Tactical Options Used**^ 1. Communication****PCA**

Assaultive

Effectiveness

Nil/No effect

Location used

At scene

^ 2. OC Spray**PCA**

Assaultive

Subject in handcuffs/restraints

No

Warning given

Yes

Hit or Miss

Hit

Certification

OC Spray

Date issued

07/02/2017

Expiry date

18/11/2022

Effectiveness

Immediate and sufficient

Location used

At scene

Location description

Outdoors

Alternatives considered but not used

TASER

Reason not used

Due to the nature of the incident and that I could not safely administer any aftercare to the subjec

Subject Injuries

1. OC Spray symptoms (of typical severity)

Injury/health issue(s) type	Cause of injury/health issue	Treatment received
OC Spray symptoms (of typical severity)	OC Spray	No Treatment Required
Body Location(s)		
Face, Neck-front		

Subject Outcomes & Legal Justification

Actions Taken	Resolution
Subject decamped/escaped.	Not Charged
Legal Justification - Crimes Act	
Self-defence (s.48), Defence of another (POLICE OFFICER) (s.48)	

Staff Injuries/Health Issues

Injury Sustained
No

Be Safe, Feel Safe

How safe you felt	Safety Equipment Used	Additional Safety Information
5 - Reasonably safe	Body Armour (without hard armour plates), Reflectorised jacket, Gloves, Riot helmet only	I had a Riot helmet on with KN95 face mask. I also wore leather gloves

Level 1 Supervisor Details

Last name	First Name	QID
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Station	Area	District
s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	Leadership and Capabilitv

Rank	Phone (Ext)	Phone (DDI)
Senior Sergeant		s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)

Level 2 Reviewer Details

Last name	First Name	QID
s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)
Station	Area	District
s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	Wellington
Rank	Phone (Ext)	Phone (DDI)
Senior Sergeant	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)

Level 1 Supervisor

Action ?

I SUPPORT the actions of s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii) reported here

Justification for decision

This action is supported. Reasonable force has been used that appears both necessary and proportionate to the circumstances detailed.

Based on the Tactical Options Report, I recommend the following actions for consideration by the Level 2 Reviewer:

- Recognition of good performance** *Acknowledging a great job by staff. Actions could range from verbal or written recognition of performance through to awards and commendations*
- Follow up on performance** *Actions could range from debrief, discussion, and submission to Lessons Learnt, to remedial training, or engagement with PPC depending on the circumstances*
- No further action required**

Recommended action

200 Character Limit

Level 2 Reviewer

Action

COMPLETE, no further changes are required.

Senior Officer Comments

This has been already reviewed by s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii). This is complete for no further action. Force used justified and minimal amount used in the circumstances and required to effect the arrest.

Based on the Tactical Options Report, and the recommendation from the Level 1 Reviewer, the following actions have been/will be taken:

- Recognition of good performance** *Acknowledging a great job by staff. Actions could range from verbal or written recognition of performance through to awards and commendations*
- Follow up on performance** *Possible actions could range from debrief, discussion, and submission to Lessons Learnt, to remedial training, or engagement with PPC depending on the circumstances*
- No further action required**
- Police Professional Conduct has been notified of this incident**

^ **Review Comments History**

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Tactical Options Report - Person

Report Number: TO220602001

Current Status: Completed

Last Updated: 28/07/2022 16:43:46

Assigned to: s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)

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Reporting Officer: s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii) | Inspector | s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g) | s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii) | **Phone (Ext):** s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)

Incident Details: P049793591

Incident details

Date & Time 02/03/2022 07:12	Event Type 6550 - Telecommunications Act	CARD Event Number P049793591
Address 1 MOLESWORTH ST PIPITEA	Suburb PIPITEA	Town/City WELLINGTON CITY
Incident Station Wellington Central	Incident Area Wellington Area	Incident District Wellington

Workgroup at time of event

Police Support Unit (PSU)

Specialist groups who attended

Police Support Unit (PSU), Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB), Armed Offenders Squad (AOS), Police Negotiation Team (PNT), Special Tactics Group (STG)

List of Police at Incident

Name (QID)	Rank	Position	Phone Extension
s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	Senior Sergeant	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)

Narrative

I was deployed to the grounds of Parliament in Thorndon, Wellington as group Commander of the Blue Group. Our tasking was initially to take and hold the front of the Parliamentary Library and immediate grounds including the driveway and Hill Street gates.

Once this objective was gained this position was held between 0609hrs and 1442hrs. During this period of time the occupiers strengthened their barricade on the internal road between our location and the Molesworth Street gates. Also, during this time, a number of occupiers were noted to have been placing weapons such as planks of wood and iron bars under cones and other cache points.

At 1442hrs we were given the command by the "Direct-Action Commander" to breach the barriers and enter the first stage encampment. The STG breach team assisted in the primary breach which enabled the team to start moving onto the grounds proper. On entering the ground, they came upon significant resistance from occupiers who had erected and propped behind a large sheet of plywood. This had the effect of halting the advance and put the staff into direct confrontation with these occupiers.

There were multiple skirmishes going on around this point across the police line with aggressive occupiers willing to become confrontational to advancing officers.

I had just had to pull a staff member back who had overrun the advance, isolating himself and putting himself at significant risk. This then had the effect of putting me on the front edge of the plywood barricade. I was concerned that we could not see what the occupiers were doing or if they had armed themselves given the previous sightings of makeshift weapons and the aggression of the crowd. I deemed them to be a risk of assault to the staff and the advancing staff on their flanks.

There were approximately 6 -8 persons in this action, and they were all pushing back against the police advance obstructing police staff from carrying out their lawful duty and fell into the category of active resistance.

I formed the opinion that to engage with them hand to hand had the potential to cause harm to both them and my staff, batons or Tasers were not an option as these occupiers had not reached the assaultive threshold and as such, we were not authorised to use that level of force.

Using a MK9 OC Spray delivery system I deployed spray into the group that were actively resisting police and who could have had weapons, from over the top of the barricade. I am unsure how many of these people were directly struck by the spray or where those that were affected were struck. All those targeted were active participants in the physical obstruction of officers and forcefully pushing against the barricade.

This had the immediate effect of causing the occupiers to cease their resistance and to prevent them from using any weapons they may have had against us which in turn allowed police staff to move through the barricade and deal with this group as they dispersed.

The advance continued and we eventually made it to the bottom of this zone in front of the Parliamentary Library and reached the boundary fence with Molesworth Street. Once this zone had been cleared of structures and occupiers had dispersed, we turned the advance 90 degrees to the right at the area of the Molesworth Street gates.

At this point we were now facing the main encampment on the grass area with a significant number of occupiers in front of us. At the same time, we were exposed on our left flank to the occupiers on Molesworth Street due to the advance of Police staff on Molesworth Street not having advanced at the same pace.

We immediately came under attack from occupiers on Molesworth street who began throwing missiles including sticks, bottles, pieces of masonry at police staff as well as using fire extinguishers on my staff. This was assaultive and potentially GBH behaviours and I was concerned for my safety at the safety of my staff from this behaviour.

I approached the gates to ascertain the level of threat and saw a male running towards the gates with a full bottle of beer in his hand and shaping to throw it directly at me.

This was an immediate threat to my safety, and I deemed this male to fit into the category of assaultive. I drew my MK9 OC Spray delivery system and sprayed him directly in the face.

At the same time as I deployed my spray, he threw the bottle at me from a distance of approximately three metres.

The bottle hit one of the cast iron uprights on the fence and shattered saving me from the full impact of the bulk of the bottle but had the effect of showering me in broken glass and fluid, some of which hit the visor on my helmet, the remainder hitting my torso and arms. I did not suffer any injuries as a result of this attack.

The effect of the spray on this male was immediate and he withdrew from the area. I do not know where he went from .

Following this contact I was incapacitated with OC Spray from blow back from this deployment. I was helped back behind the lines and received aftercare until I was able to re-join the group.

Throughout this incident, the force I used was lawful (reasonable and proportionate), minimal to overcome the active resistance and assaultive behaviour towards myself and other police colleagues present.

I was not able to provide aftercare to any of the people who I applied OC Spray to. In the first instance this group dispersed immediately, and we had continued skirmishes in front of us making it impractical and unsafe to do so.

In the second instance the male that was sprayed was on the other side of a large, locked gate from my position, and he immediately retreated into the crowd on being sprayed.

Subjects at Incident

^ **1. Male, Unknown**

Gender	Ethnicity	Estimated age
Male	Unknown	

Behavioural observations	Mental/emotional state observations
Aggressive demeanour, Verbally abusive, Non-compliant/obstructive	Other (Actively resisting, agitated and aggressive)

Weapon possession	Injury sustained
Had a weapon	No

Subject Weapons

Weapon Type	Weapon Usage	Recovered
Throwing weapon	Used	No

^ **Tactical Options Used**

^ **1. OC Spray**

PCA	Subject in handcuffs/restraints	Warning given
Active Resistant	No	Yes

Hit or Miss
Hit

Certification	Date issued	Expiry date
OC Spray	20/03/2017	EXPIRED 24/07/2021

Effectiveness	Location used	Location description
Immediate and sufficient	At scene	Outdoors

Immediate and sufficient

At scene

Outdoors

Alternatives considered but not used
No alternative option considered

Subject Outcomes & Legal Justification

Actions Taken

Subject decamped/escaped.

Resolution

Not Charged

Legal Justification - Crimes Act

Execute process or arrest (s.39),
Prevent breach of peace (s.42)

Legal Justification - Other legislation

Other legislation (specify in incident/narrative description)

^ 2. Female, Unknown

Gender

Female

Ethnicity

Unknown

Estimated age

Behavioural observations

Aggressive demeanour, Verbally abusive, Non-compliant/obstructive

Mental/emotional state observations

Other (actively resistant, agitated, aggressive)

Weapon possession

Did not have a weapon

Injury sustained

No

^ Tactical Options Used

^ 1. OC Spray

PCA

Active Resistant

Subject in handcuffs/restraints

No

Warning given

Yes

Hit or Miss

Hit

Certification

Date issued

Expiry date

OC Spray

20/03/2017

EXPIRED 24/07/2021

Effectiveness

Immediate and sufficient

Location used

At scene

Location description

Outdoors

Alternatives considered but not used

No alternative option considered

Subject Outcomes & Legal Justification**Actions Taken**

Subject decamped/escaped.

Resolution

Not Charged

Legal Justification - Crimes ActExecute process or arrest (s.39),
Prevent breach of peace (s.42)**Legal Justification - Other legislation**Other legislation (specify in
incident/narrative description)**3. Male, Unknown****Gender**

Male

Ethnicity

Unknown

Estimated age**Behavioural observations**Aggressive demeanour, Threaten
Police, Verbally abusive, Physically
assault Police**Mental/emotional state observations**Other (actively resistant, agitated,
aggressive)**Weapon possession**

Had a weapon

Injury sustained

No

Subject Weapons**Weapon Type**

Throwing weapon

Weapon Usage

Used

Recovered

No

Bludgeoning/hitting weapon i.e.
blunt weapon

Used

No

^ Tactical Options Used

^ 1. OC Spray

PCA

Assaultive

Subject in handcuffs/restraints

No

Warning given

No

Reason no warning

Not enough time

Hit or Miss

Hit

Certification

OC Spray

Date issued

20/03/2017

Expiry date

EXPIRED 24/07/2021

Effectiveness

Delayed but sufficient

Location used

At scene

Location description

Outdoors

Alternatives considered but not used

No alternative option considered

Subject Outcomes & Legal Justification

Actions Taken

Subject decamped/escaped.

Resolution

Not Charged

Legal Justification - Crimes Act

Self-defence (s.48), Defence of another (POLICE OFFICER) (s.48)

Staff Injuries/Health Issues

Injury Sustained

Yes

1. Swelling/Bruising

Injury/health issue(s) type Swelling/Bruising	Body Location RShoulder-front, LShoulder-front, RArm-front, LArm-front, LHand-front, LThigh-front, RLeg-front, LArm-back, RArm-back, LThigh-back, RLeg-back	Cause of injury/health issue Actions Of Subject
Treatment received Self or staff treatment received	Subject causing injury/health issue 1. Male, Unknown	Action causing injury/health issue Use of a weapon Weapon causing injury 1. Throwing weapon

2. OC Spray symptoms (of typical severity)

Injury/health issue(s) type OC Spray symptoms (of typical severity)	Body Location Face	Cause of injury/health issue Actions of self
Treatment received Self or staff treatment received	Action causing injury/health issue Attempted deployment of OC Spray on offender, caught in wind gust and spray disabled me	

Be Safe, Feel Safe

How safe you felt 4 - Mixed	Safety Equipment Used Body Armour (without hard armour plates), Reflectorised jacket, Gloves, Riot helmet only, Riot shield	Additional Safety Information
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Level 1 Supervisor Details

Last name [Redacted]	First Name [Redacted]	QID [Redacted]
Station s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	Area s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	District Leadership and Capability
Rank Inspector	Phone (Ext) [Redacted]	Phone (DDI) s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)

Level 2 Reviewer Details

Last name [Redacted]	First Name [Redacted]	QID [Redacted]
Station s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	Area s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)	District Leadership and Capability

s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)

Rank

Phone (Ext)

Phone (DDI)

Superintendent

Please ensure you have covered the following points in your review:

Incident includes at least one subject with an age of 16 years or under.

Reporting officer did not use 'Communication' Tactical Option with at least one subject in this incident.

Level 1 Supervisor

Action

I SUPPORT the actions of s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii) reported here

Justification for decision

The incident as a whole at Parliament was incredibly dangerous. Mass actively resistant and assaultive behaviour toward Police resulted in harm and injuries. The force used by s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii) was lawful - reasonable (proportionate and necessary) given the resistant and assaultive behaviours exhibited and the potential for serious injury given some of the weapons observed in readiness for Police dispersal activities. I concur with s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii) that it was impractical and unsafe to even attempt aftercare procedures as required by policy as the circumstances did not allow this to occur. s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii) acknowledges his OC spray certification had expired some 8 months prior and is undertaking to become re-certified. It is of note that s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii) had attended over 20 years of continuous OC Spray training and thus while not currently certified is trained in its use. His First aid training is current.

Based on the Tactical Options Report, I recommend the following actions for consideration by the Level 2 Reviewer:

- Recognition of good performance** *Acknowledging a great job by staff. Actions could range from verbal or written recognition of performance through to awards and commendations*
- Follow up on performance** *Actions could range from debrief, discussion, and submission to Lessons Learnt, to remedial training, or engagement with PPC depending on the circumstances*
- No further action required**

Recommended action

200 Character Limit

Level 2 Reviewer

Action

COMPLETE, no further changes are required.

Senior Officer Comments

Actions supported. Communication and OC Spray aftercare appear impracticable in the circumstances as described. Deployment of MK9 Spray in these circumstances has prima-facie prevented direct hand-to hand combative actions between protesters and Police that would likely have resulted in more serious harm and injury to all parties. OC Spray certification expiry noted, but not considered significant given the members experience and the level of Tactical Option deployed (in comparison to lethal options).

Based on the Tactical Options Report, and the recommendation from the Level 1 Reviewer, the following actions have been/will be taken:

- Recognition of good** *Acknowledging a great job by staff. Actions could range from verbal or written recognition of*

- performance** *performance through to awards and commendations*
- Follow up on performance** *Possible actions could range from debrief, discussion, and submission to Lessons Learnt, to remedial training, or engagement with PPC depending on the circumstances*
- No further action required**
- Police Professional Conduct has been notified of this incident

^ **Review Comments History**

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Tactical Options Report - Person

Report Number: TO220602003

Current Status: Completed

Last Updated: 07/07/2022 15:34:38

Assigned to: s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)

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Reporting Officer: s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii) | Constable | s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii) |

s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii) | s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)

Incident Details: P049793591

Incident details

Date & Time 02/03/2022 07:12	Event Type 6550 - Telecommunications Act	CARD Event Number P049793591
Address 1 MOLESWORTH ST PIPITEA	Suburb PIPITEA	Town/City WELLINGTON CITY
Incident Station Wellington Central	Incident Area Wellington Area	Incident District Wellington

Workgroup at time of event **Specialist groups who attended**
 Police Support Unit (PSU) Other (All of the above)

List of Police at Incident
 No other police present at incident

Narrative

1) Background and context

The nature of the incident and any additional context prior to the use of force.

I was deployed to Wellington as part of the s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii) PSU for Op Convoy for actions on the 2nd of March 2022. I have Public order policing training, I was deployed with a helmet with visor, my normal tactical options (not including taser or radio) and padded gloves. The incident quite violent and I placed a number of the members of the protest at the assaultive or higher level on the TOF. The morning I did not use any force, I was greeted in the first minutes of the operation with plastic bottle of liquid I assume to be urine throw at us and hitting me in the shoulder. I held at the court yard of the library for the morning until the push onto the yard. During the push through the yard I did not use force and placed the actions of the protestors I interacted with at the active resistant level on the TOF.

2) Your ongoing TENR assessments and your responses

Describe all of your continuous assessments of the Threat, Exposure, and Necessity to respond. Your Responses, and the justification for your responses in law and the TOF.

As we approached the far end of the yard nearing Lambton Quay some of the protestor began to riot, lighting fires and throwing items, at this stage I placed them at GBH/death on the TOF. I took up a position with my section on the hill near the

gate at the corner of Lambton Quay and Molesworth Street, the rioters were acting throwing various items, I was struck with a potato to the visor of my helmet at high speed, this caused no injury due to the PPE.

I was handed a long shield by my Sergeant and directed to assist with the Police located at the gate who were holding back the rioters. I joined the line on the right side of the gate, the rioters were throwing numerous items and some had attempted to stab through the shields with long sharp poles, at this stage I placed the actions of some of the rioters at GBH/Death on the TOF.

Around this time some fire hoses had been directed towards the rioters which pushed a number of them back from the gate, two rioters approached the line at the gate and started picking items up as weapons and attacking Police and myself, I placed them at the assaultive or higher on the TOF. I picked up my OC spray and used it on the pair, I believe the spray made good contact on their faces as the pair both left shortly after, I did not get an ID of them.

A while later Police place a lock on the gate, we slowly retreated still being struck with random items. As we backed up the hill away from the gate was about the time I began getting struck with paving stones from the rioters, I placed their actions at GBH/death on the TOF. I was struck with a paver to the right leg causing a small wound.

I remained at the gate area for a short time as the focus of the rioters transferred to staff on Lambton Quay. As police staff continued on Lambton Quay towards Bunny Street myself and the staff I was with joined them.

I was with a small group of people protecting a Police officer holding a fire hose and firing it towards protestors and rioters on Lambton Quay/Bunny Street, this Police officer had no head protection, I was directed to take control of the hose and push up to the rioters.

From the position I was in I used the fire hose at the end of its length, the arc on the water was high with little pressure behind it, I used this for about 5 minutes until the rioters were pushed along Bunny Street and out of range.

I uplifted my shield and re-joined the lines. I was selected to join an arrest/flanking team behind 33 Bunny Street. Police lines retreated slowly down Bunny Street and stood near the intersection of Lambton Quay, one male in his late 20's/30's wearing red/white clothing, with tattoo's over his legs and arms was approaching and threatening Police lines, I placed this male at assaultive of the TOF. A team of 5 including myself ran at the male from behind, I was carrying a long shield, the male saw us approaching and ran towards Stout Street to escape. He was tackled by another Police officer, I used my shield to hold the male to the ground as he resisted and was placed into handcuffs. I re-joined the lines, I didn't use any further force during the evening.

Subjects at Incident

^ 1. Unknown, 25, Unknown

Gender	Ethnicity	Estimated age
Unknown	Unknown	25

Behavioural observations	Mental/emotional state observations
Aggressive demeanour, Threaten Police, Verbally abusive, Physically assault Police, Non-compliant/obstructive, Evading/decamping	None
Weapon possession	Injury sustained
Had a weapon	No

Subject Weapons

Weapon Type	Weapon Usage	Recovered
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Throwing weapon	Used	No
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^ Tactical Options Used

^ 1. Communication

PCA

Assaultive

Effectiveness

Nil/No effect

Location used

At scene

^ 2. OC Spray

PCA

Assaultive

Subject in handcuffs/restraints

No

Warning given

No

Reason no warning

Not enough time

Hit or Miss

Hit

Certification	Date issued	Expiry date
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OC Spray	15/12/2018	19/01/2023
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Effectiveness

Immediate and sufficient

Location used

At scene

Location description

Outdoors

Alternatives considered but not used

TASER

Reason not used

Was not provided one on deployment.

Subject Outcomes & Legal Justification

Actions Taken

Subject decamped/escaped.

Resolution

Not Charged

Legal Justification - Crimes Act

Prevent breach of peace (s.42), Self-defence (s.48)

2. Unknown, 25, Unknown

Gender	Ethnicity	Estimated age
Unknown	Unknown	25

Behavioural observations	Mental/emotional state observations
Aggressive demeanour, Threaten Police, Verbally abusive, Physically assault Police, Non-compliant/obstructive, Evading/decamping	None

Weapon possession	Injury sustained
Had a weapon	No

Subject Weapons

Weapon Type	Weapon Usage	Recovered
Throwing weapon	Used	No

Tactical Options Used

1. Communication

PCA

Assaultive

Effectiveness

Nil/No effect

Location used

At scene

2. Other Tactical Option / Weapon of Opportunity

PCA

Assaultive

Subject in handcuffs/restraints

No

Warning given

No

Reason no warning

Other - specify in narrative section

Tactical option description

Fire hose used for short time during Op Convoy.

Effectiveness

Delayed but sufficient

Location used

At scene

Alternatives considered but not used

OC Spray

Reason not used

Distance to subject

Subject Outcomes & Legal Justification

Actions Taken

Subject decamped/escaped.

Resolution

Not Charged

Legal Justification - Crimes Act

Prevent breach of peace (s.42), Self-defence (s.48)

^ **3. Male, 30, Maori**

Gender

Male

Ethnicity

Maori

Estimated age

30

Behavioural observations

Aggressive demeanour, Threaten Police, Verbally abusive, Physically assault Police, Non-compliant/obstructive

Mental/emotional state observations

None

Weapon possession

Led to believe so, but didn't

Injury sustained

No

^ **Tactical Options Used**

^ **1. Communication**

PCA

Assaultive

Effectiveness

Immediate but not sufficient

Location used

At scene

^ 2. Other Tactical Option / Weapon of Opportunity

PCA

Assaultive

Subject in handcuffs/restraints

No

Warning given

No

Reason no warning

Not enough time

Tactical option description

Shield used to arrest subject as they fled and resisted.

Effectiveness

Immediate and sufficient

Location used

At scene

Alternatives considered but not used

OC Spray

Reason not used

Sufficient staff and effective use of shield.

Subject Outcomes & Legal Justification

Actions Taken

Arrested.

Resolution

Charged

Charges

6111 - Wilful Trespass

Legal Justification - Crimes Act

Execute process or arrest (s.39), Prevent breach of peace (s.42), Self-defence (s.48)

Staff Injuries/Health Issues

Injury Sustained

Yes

1. Minor cut/laceration(s)

Injury/health issue(s) type

Minor cut/laceration(s)

Body Location

RLeg-front

Cause of injury/health issue

Actions Of Subject

Treatment received

Ambulance/Medical treatment received at scene

Subject causing injury/health issue

1. Unknown, 25, Unknown

Action causing injury/health issue

Use of a weapon