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Official information request – Removal of graffiti at Waitangi Park

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 15 November 2023. You requested the following information:

- *I am writing to inquire about the decision to remove the Palestinian graffiti at the dedicated graffiti areas at Waitangi skate park. I am interested in understanding the information related to this decision. Specifically, I would like to request the following:*
 1. *A comprehensive list of all individuals or groups consulted in the process of making the decision to remove the graffiti.*
 2. *Any correspondence, memos, or documents related to the decision to remove the graffiti.*
 3. *Information about any collaborations with external parties regarding the decision to remove the graffiti.*
 4. *A list of policies related to when graffiti must be removed and if graffiti has been removed in the past and for what reasons.*

The Act requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request, i.e. by 13 December 2023. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, by 10 working days.

This extension is necessary because consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

Right of review

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Thank you again for your request. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Susan Sales
Official Information