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Tēnā koe Jacob

Thank you for your email of 16 December 2023 to Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

- *I note on your website that there are various external companies that are commissioned for processing the city's recycling. I would like to please request all reports and official communication for the year 2023 from any company that holds a relationship with the Council to process recycling*

I am particularly interested in any breakdowns that include "success rates" of recycling - how much actually gets recycled, how much is sent to landfill, etc.

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

The Council carries out kerbside recycling as well as housing some community accessible recycle bins at the Tip Shop and Recycle Centre. Our suburban kerbside collection contractor takes all co-mingled and glass recycling to Oji Fibre Solutions (Oji) in Seaview. A contractor comes to the Recycle Centre to empty the larger public recycling receptacles and these materials are also taken to Oji.

Due to the number of individuals at the Council who engage with Oji, and for the various reason they would be engaging with them, I am refusing your request for all reports and official communication for the year 2023 pursuant to section 17(f) of the LGOIMA, as the information requested cannot be made without substantial collation or research.

Please find attached, as **Appendix One** to my reply, a spreadsheet which gives an oversight of the volumes and grade split (including the volume of waste) of Wellington City Council recycling received by Oji for the 2022-2023 financial year (considered as 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023).

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision to refuse information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact assurance@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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