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Chris Milne

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Dear Chris Milne

**Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (the Act) 1987**

I refer to your request dated 12 December 2024 for:

*Please supply all communications and information as specified under 1) and 2) below during 2024 relevant to the Hutt City Council's removal of NZCPR's insert of Sir Āpirana Ngata's "The Treaty of Waitangi – an Explanation" from its premises:*

- 1) Communications and or information in any form between the mayor and/or councillors and/or HCC officers.*
- 2) Communications and/or information in any form sent to or received by HCC officers and/or councillors and/or the mayor to or from Stuff and/or the Hutt News.*
- 3) the identity of the officer who issued a directive for removal of the Ngata insert sent to HCC council facilities, including the council's libraries, at 5.07pm on 1 February 2024.*

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. 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, to 17 February 2025.

This extension is necessary because your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with our operations.



If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact [details of contact person].

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website. Please refer to the following link: [www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contactus/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases](http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contactus/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases)

Yours sincerely

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