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Dear Mr Palmer

**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)**

**CAS-278427-S7P1F4**

Thank you for contacting Auckland Transport on 24 April 2016 requesting the following information:

**Following the pending/possible sale of former rail equipment (SA/SD carriages and ex Perth DMU's) previously used in Auckland, has any consideration be given to local preservation of some examples these rail vehicles for future generations?**

Auckland Transport can confirm that a decision was made to sell the diesel hauled units once they had been retired from service. The sale process has been undertaken by way of a public tender with the objective of selling units as a collective rather than the units going to various buyers.

The cost to keep units stored and in running condition is uneconomical and is not the best use of ratepayers funds however, if a New Zealand based organisation was prepared to purchase some or all of the units then this would have been considered as the first and preferable option.

We trust the information has addressed the matters raised however, should you believe that we have not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review in regard to this matter.

If you have any further queries please contact Auckland Transport on 09 355 3553 quoting Official Information request number **CAS-278427-S7P1F4**.

Yours Sincerely



Mark Lambert  
General Manager AT Metro