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(Please quote this in any correspondence)

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Via email: [fyi-request-473-03afc0d7@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-473-03afc0d7@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Sim

## **Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

### **Photography of Council Property**

I refer to your email received on 5 August 2012 requesting information about the photographing of council property, and specifically the Auckland Art Gallery.

#### **Generally:**

Where photographs are taken externally from public areas, there is no legal power or ability to instruct this to cease.

Where photographs are taken internally, again, there is no general policy or standing order. Dependant on the circumstances and location, the person could be asked to desist by staff or security and to leave the premises under the provisions of the Trespass Act if this was causing concern.

#### **Art Gallery:**

The building and forecourt are free to photograph for all purposes. Within the Gallery, visitors are allowed to take photographs for personal use. Tripods and flash are not permitted in any Gallery spaces. Photography is not permitted of Māori portraiture, or within most temporary exhibitions. For media, commercial or other purposes, an application to film/photograph is available. Security personnel and Gallery Guides will remind visitors, should they be unaware or forgetful, and guides can offer an application form if required. This information is also available on our website:

[www.aucklandartgallery.com/visit-the-gallery/location-and-access#Photography and copyright](http://www.aucklandartgallery.com/visit-the-gallery/location-and-access#Photography%20and%20copyright)

If you have any further queries please email [nicole.miell@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:nicole.miell@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) quoting Official Information Request No. 9000117896.

Yours sincerely

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