

5 July 2017

Thomas Beagle  
Chairperson  
NZ Council for Civil Liberties  
Via fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Beagle

### **Official Information Request Response**

Thank you for your information request via fyi.org.nz received on 15 June 2017 requesting information about the Smart City Project. Your request has been granted and for no cost at this time.

Wellington City Council does not have a specific project called the Smart City project, but rather has a number of initiatives that utilise sensing technology that together have been referred to as Smart City initiatives. Each project shares a common goal of improving the quality, integration and visualisation of data to assist in evidence-based decisions for Council, its partners and the community in planning for and delivery of services.

The projects are delivered by different business units across the council but are overseen by a Sensor Project Governance Group.

Most of the projects are 'prototypes'. They are product development projects that are being done in partnership with commercial entities, enabling them to develop and test ideas in a way that addresses city issues in a real environment. No initiatives use facial recognition technology.

To give context to your specific questions we have first set out a summary of each sensing project, its purpose, and its current status. This is followed by a table setting out each question you have asked and our response in relation to each Smart City initiative identified.

Please note that in respect of correspondence with the Privacy Commissioner, some information has been obscured because it includes advice sought on a separate subject unrelated to your request.

Yours sincerely



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