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Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **5 March 2025** requesting the following information:

I am appalled at the manner in which the decision that you have made has been communicated. You have given no justification within the letter for declining my request. This does not give me any confidence that you have truly considered my submission.

Council uses a templated letter for processes such as this. The template is under review, and we will take onboard your feedback about the need to explain why we have made a decision to decline a request to cancel an infringement notice.

The threatening words on the back of the infringement notice appear to be designed to discourage people from going to court to review your decision.

The wording on the back of all Infringement Notices is prescribed under section 140 of the Land Transport Act 1998 and contains a summary of Section 21 on the Summary Proceedings Act 1957. The wording and format is set at a National Level via the software provider for our parking ticket machines.

Like most people, I cannot afford to challenge you in court. Instead I am going to approach Fair Go and try to get some sort of recognition of the unfairness of the situation.

I am hereby requesting the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA):

- 1. When were the parking signs placed on State Highway one North of the Railway station?***

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

The parking signs were put in place on 19 December 2024.

2. *Why was this stretch of highway chosen as a no parking area?*

Council received a service request from a member of the public raising safety concerns with vehicles parking between the emergency rail crossing and the entrance to the Metlink carpark at Waikanae Train Station. The safety issue related to visibility and vehicles reversing out onto the Old State Highway.

Council officers undertook a site visit and road safety assessment of the area and determined that parking in this location created a significant safety issue and agreed change was needed. No stopping signs were then installed to protect road users.

3. *How was this communicated to the commuters who typically have been parking there for years?*

While there are good reasons for restricting parking in the area, we acknowledge that we did not follow the notification requirements set out in Council's Traffic Bylaw 2022. We have reviewed the situation and paused issuing tickets in this area while we work through a process to refund/ waiver the tickets that have been issued and notify the proposed parking restrictions as required in the Traffic Bylaw. We apologise for any confusion and upset this may have caused.

4. *How many parking infringement Notices have been issued since 1 January 2025 for parking on the old state Highway One just North of the Railway Station?*

51 parking tickets have been issued in the area since December 2024.

5. *How many recipients of these infringement Notices have written to the Council asking for the Council to consider the circumstances around the alleged offence?*

11 parties have written to Council about their infringement notice.

6. *How many of these requests have been declined?*

Since responding to your request to cancel your infringement notice on 4 March 2025, Council has reviewed the matter and agreed to waiver/refund all 51 tickets issued in this area since December 2024, as explained in point 3 above.

7. *What reasons have been given for declining the decisions?*

Please refer to our response for Question 3.

8. How much money has the council collected as a result of these offences in 2025?

Council has not collected any revenue from the tickets issued on the section of Old State Highway north of the Waikanae Train Station.. All tickets issued at this location to date will be waived. Please refer to the [media statement](#) on our website for more information.

Ngā mihi,



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Kaiwhakahaere Rōpū Anga me te Whakahaere Rawa