

27 September 2023

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Request for information 2023-228

I refer to your request for information dated 30 August 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 30 August 2023. You have requested the following:

“Please provide me with all correspondence, reports and other documentation you hold dating back to January 2019 relating to the use of electric buses on Derwent Street, Island Bay, specifically but not limited to the northernmost block, between Mersey and Medway Streets.

I am especially interested in any documentation you hold/have sent/received relating to the suitability of this road to bear heavier EV buses, including EV double decker buses, and the impact these heavier buses might have on houses on this stretch of Derwent Street”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

Please provide me with all correspondence, reports and other documentation you hold dating back to January 2019 relating to the use of electric buses on Derwent Street, Island Bay, specifically but not limited to the northernmost block between Mersey and Medway Streets.

Routes 29 and 39 travel along Derwent Street. Those routes are part of the group of services known, and contracted, as ‘Unit 7’.

Please refer to **Attachment 1** which includes the current bus type allocated for particular timetabled trips on routes 29 and 39, Monday to Sunday, including public holidays, as of 27 September 2023, from 16 October 2022. The highlighted rows indicate the trips that Electric Vehicle Double Decker buses are expected to operate.

The explanation for the acronyms are set out below:

- SV = Small Vehicle (Diesel Bus)
- MV = Medium Vehicle (Diesel Bus)
- LV = Large Vehicle (Diesel Bus)
- EV = Electric Vehicle
- ELVDD = Electric Vehicle Double Decker

Please refer to **Attachment 2** which sets out the bus vehicle type assigned for Unit 7. Information is for the period from 25 July 2021 to 20 August 2023, which are the dates we have this information recorded. This information relates to peak weekday journeys only. We do not have information for weekends or public holidays. As we do not have information dated January 2019 – July 2021 we are refusing this part of your request under section 17(g)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), as the information requested is not held by Greater Wellington and we do not believe this information would be held by another local authority, department, or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

Please note, as Unit 7 covers multiple routes, predominantly in the Kingston area, the electric buses are not only used on routes 29 and 39. At present there are two ELVDD buses assigned to these two routes.

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As discussed via email correspondence and on the phone, Wellington City Council will be consulting with you and other residents on this issue and will be undertaking an investigation. Therefore, we are refusing this part of your request, under section 17(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by Greater Wellington. However, we do believe the information requested is held by another local authority (Wellington City Council). We would have transferred this part of your request to Wellington City Council in accordance with section 12 of the Act, however we understand Wellington City Council has already received this request from you and will be responding separately.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "sugar".

Samantha Gain

Kaiwhakahaere Matua Waka-ā-atea | Group Manager Metlink

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