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Ref: OIA-2023/24-0844

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request relating to briefings concerning Wellington City Council matters

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 10 May 2024. You requested:

“All briefing notes prepared for the Prime Minister by DPMC on the Wellington City Council Proposed District Plan; and

all briefing notes prepared for the Prime Minister by DPMC relating to Mayor Tory Whanau.

This request is for materials in the date range 7 February 2024 to 8 May 2024.”

Information publicly available

There is one document in scope of your request which will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s website shortly. You will be able to locate it here: [Publications | Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet \(DPMC\)](#)

This document has gone to the Cabinet Committee and is part of the series of documents that relate to progress on the 100 day plan. I have refused your request for this document under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested will soon be publicly available.

Information to be withheld

Also identified as relevant to your request are a number of briefings provided by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s Policy Advisory Group to the Prime Minister. These briefings are provided to the Prime Minister in confidence to support him in his role as leader of the Government and chair of Cabinet. The briefings are withheld in their entirety under the following sections of the Act:

- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act. No public interest has been identified that would be sufficient to outweigh the reasons for withholding that information.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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