



20 September 2019

Tom Hunt
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REF: OIA-5583

Dear Tom

Thank you for your email of 8 August 2019 seeking the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please release, under the LGOIMA, all emails, text messages, letters, and recollections of conversations had between Justin Lester and Julie Anne Genter and or Phil Twyford's office related to Let's get Wellington Moving for the past 18 months.

The information that falls within the scope of your request is attached to this letter as **Documents 1 to 7**. Those documents consist of emails and letters. Certain information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of individuals. In relation that the information that has been withheld, I do not consider that there are circumstances that render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

In relation to the other parts of your request I can advise that:

- There are no text messages that fall within the scope of your request,
- The Mayor confirms that he has had many conversations with the Minister and Associate Minister of Transport to progress LGWM over the last 18 months and his recollection is that the conversations were robust but constructive. He has no specific recollections of conversations beyond what has already been reported publicly.

These parts of your request have therefore been refused under section 18(e) as the information requested does not exist.

Under section 28 of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review and investigate this decision. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted by phone 0800 802 602, or online at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Body
Programme Director, Let's Get Wellington Moving Alliance

Appendix: Documents within scope of request

Doc.	Title	Decision
1	Email from Minister's office to WCC confirming receipt of Mayors' letter dated 22 February 2019, referred to as Attachment 2.	Release in part: personal information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
2	Letter from Wellington Mayor and GWRC Chair to Hon Phil Twyford dated 22 February.	Release in full.
3	Letter from Hon Phil Twyford to Mayor Justin Lester dated 16 May 2019.	Release in full.
4	Email from Minister's office to WCC confirming receipt of the Mayor's letter dated 22 May 2019, referred to as Attachment 3.	Release in part: personal information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
5	Letter from Wellington Mayor to Hon Phil Twyford, dated 21 May 2019.	Release in full.
6	Letter from Wellington Mayor to Ministers Twyford and Genter, dated 4 July 2019.	Release in full.
7	Letter from Wellington Region Mayors to Minister, dated 6 July 2019.	Release in full.