

13 September 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2022-54**

Thank you for your email of 12 September 2022 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

*"On the weekend (Sunday) as I was driving south, I noticed next to the sewer ponds revamp that there is a sign that says 'Mayor Greg Lang Welcomes you' held up by two cranes. The sign is the same colour as his campaign signs and the same writing. I meant to take a photo of it.*

*I am not sure if this appropriate during the election period and it didn't seem fair given that it looks like council land and those cranes may be used for the council work. I do not want my rates going towards two cranes holding up a sign like that.*

*Can you please clarify if the cranes were on council land/ land for easement access to the ponds?*

*Were council funds used for the signage?*

*The sign did not clarify if it was meant for the daffodil festival. "*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

In response to your request, I can confirm that the sign and cranes were on private land, and there was no access used through council land.

The cranes have not been involved in the wastewater project, and neither the cranes nor the signage were paid for or funded by Council.

Please note, the Council now proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Geoff Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Geoff Hamilton  
Chief Executive  
Carterton District Council

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