

1 September 2023



Dear 

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2023-52

Thank you for your request which you made on Facebook on 9 August 2023 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

"Can you confirm who the 2 individuals are please?"

In the public interest of this matter, Carterton District Council have confirmed only two people have been selected. As an complaint is being placed with the Office of the Ombudsmen for no response to A LGOIMA on this, can you please confirm to another request for a response via Facebook, - if TWO people have been contacted, or more, and who are they?"

TWO appears to be inconsistent with your point "We wanted representatives from differing sectors in the community, including commuters."

I have also asked via email (2 July 2023, actionable from Monday 3 July 2023) for the criteria being used to establish the Steering Group and assess those of us who are expressing interest."

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

My response to your request is provided below.

The two community members on the working group are Greg Byrom and John Barron.

The CDC Kiwi Rail Working Group had no formal selection criteria for appointing community members to the working group.

Initially the CDC Kiwi Rail Working Group was planning to have four community members, two rail commuters and two others. Further appointments have however been paused, until Kiwi Rail have

undertaken the level crossing safety assessment review across all Wairarapa crossings, which was recently announced.

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 request which you made on Facebook. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



Geoff Hamilton
Chief Executive
Carterton District Council

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