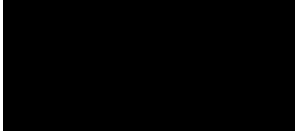


21 October 2024



Dear 

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2024-43

Thank you for your email/letter of Friday 20 September 2024 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

“The NZCTU’s concerns with the Government Policy Statement on Land transport 2024 – 2034 released in June, have been compounded by the September release by Waka Kotahi of the 2024 – 2027 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) final decisions.

We believe that these documents represent significant risks for workers who depend on public transport, and for those who work in public transport.

In order to gain a greater understanding of the implications of this statement and programme, we would request from your organisation:

- 1. An estimate of the funding shortfall in your region that has resulted because of recent NLTF changes*
- 2. An indication of the programmes and projects that will be affected by this cut in funding, and any re prioritisation that is being considered.*
- 3. Any information you have on the groups most likely to be impacted by these changes.*
- 4. Any economic or employment analysis you have undertaken of the likely losses caused by NLTP changes, both direct and indirect.*
- 5. A description of the options being considered to make up any funding shortfalls”*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act). My response to your request is in the number order below.

- 1. An estimate of the funding shortfall in your region that has resulted because of recent NLTF changes.*

CDC received an estimate of \$125,000 less funding assistance (NZTA share) than what was requested.



2. *An indication of the programmes and projects that will be affected by this cut in funding, and any re prioritisation that is being considered.*

Footpath maintenance, renewal and extension programme have been affected. The new footpath extensions have been deferred while the emphasis would be to focus on high-risk footpath network that would require maintenance. The Wairarapa Roading Safety Council funding have also been reduced which resulted in the reduction of the works program.

3. *Any information you have on the groups most likely to be impacted by these changes.*

We hold no information on the groups most likely to be impacted to the changes.

4. *Any economic or employment analysis you have undertaken of the likely losses caused by NLTP changes, both direct and indirect.*

We have undertaken no economic or employment analysis on the impact of NLTP changes. It is important to note that while CDC received less than requested, the total NLTP funding is approximately 70% more than our previous LTP.

5. *A description of the options being considered to make up any funding shortfalls.*

We will prioritise asset maintenance and renewals to address high risk only.

Please note, the Council 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 or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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