

11 October 2022

File Ref: OIAP-7-25983

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### **Request for information 2022-170**

I refer to your request for information dated 30 September 2022, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 30 September 2022. You have requested the following:

*“This request relates to both of (1) 2019 Local Government Elections AND (2) 2022 Local Government Elections*

*We would like copies of all reports, memorandums, agendas, minutes, emails that detail any mistakes made by Council officers (managing the elections on behalf of Council) in checking candidate applications in the processing of candidates standing for the Local Body Election, which has led to the disqualification by the independent Electoral Officer after the closing date (on the Friday at 12 noon).”*

#### **Greater Wellington’s response follows:**

No candidates standing for Greater Wellington Regional Council at the 2019 or 2022 local government elections were disqualified; therefore, Greater Wellington holds no information relevant to your request. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) on the basis that the documents alleged to contain the information do not exist.

When refusing requests for information under section 17(e) of the Act, we are required to consider consulting you before refusing the request. In this instance, we did not consider consulting you would change the outcome of our decision.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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