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## Request for information 2023-148

I refer to your request for information dated 8 June 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 8 June 2023. You have requested the following:

"The GWRC are increasing rates by 18 percent for the 2023/24 year.

I would like the names of the councillors who voted for this increase and the names of councillors who voted against."

## Greater Wellington's response follows:

On 18 May 2023 Council considered a report on the feedback on the draft Annual Plan 2023/24 and the finalisation of the 2023/24 Budget (refer Feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2023/24 and Budget Finalisation – Report 23.177). Council did not vote by division, so the names of Councillors voting for and against the motions arising from the report have not been recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting. Therefore, we are refusing your request under section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on the basis that the information requested is not held by Greater Wellington and there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another local authority or a department of Minister of the Crown or organisation

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 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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

**Luke Troy** 

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