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Dear Commissioner

First can I thank you for all the work your staff are doing in very trying circumstances as you try to resolve this unprecedented situation.

Wellington City Council is working with your team in any way we can, and I am in regular communication with local Police.

However over the last couple of days there has been less clarity about plans to resolve the occupation, and to clear our city's roads. Today every indication is that the occupation has grown, and the impacts on our City have grown with it. The bus interchange has now become inoperable, and while Metlink can continue to operate at the moment with various workarounds using Featherston St, should Featherston St be compromised a large part of the city bus service will also be compromised. Not surprisingly some of my residents are becoming increasingly testy.

I understand that we (Police and WCC) are having real difficulty getting towing trucks, and that tow company operators have been threatened and are too scared to get involved. I know that a number of other entities are being contacted to see whether they have resources that would help.

Obviously I am aware that there will be a huge amount of focus from you, and your team on ending the occupation, and that there are discussions with Ministers and the Speaker.

As Mayor of Wellington I am both a primary point of contact for residents, and am in a position of being the main go to for media.

I would like to meet with you/talk with you and anyone else in Police or Government you deem fit, at the earliest possible opportunity to talk about what the plans are, how we best work together through this, and how – without divulging any sensitive information which might assist the protestors, I can help give Wellingtonians, and indeed New Zealanders, confidence that there is a clear plan to resolve this situation, and do so quickly.

I look forward to you getting in touch.
My contact details are below – phone absolutely fine.

Very best wishes

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