

4 July 2022



Kia Ora 

BusinessNZ

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 15 June 2022. You requested the following information:

Please provide all documentation and correspondence (internal and external), if any, since the start of 2022 that pertain to either of the below:

- Council membership of BusinessNZ
- BusinessNZ's campaign on fair pay agreements

I can advise that WCC does not have a membership with Business NZ and therefore no correspondence in this time period relating to this. I am refusing this part of your request under section 17(e) of the Act.

Please further provide details of the membership subscription / fees paid to BusinessNZ or Chamber of Commerce by the council.

BusinessNZ is listed as an 'inactive vendor' in our system since October 2021, with one payment of \$50,000 (GST exclusive) made to them in 2018 relating to the [BEC APEL Summit 2018 - BusinessNZ Energy Council](#),

Information regarding payments to the Chamber of Commerce for the 2020/21 financial year is available online at the link below (page 4):

<irc-3309-ratepayers-report.pdf> (wellington.govt.nz)

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Ollie Marchant
Official Information