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**To:** [REDACTED]@stuff.co.nz  
**Subject:** Request for information relating to the recent occupation of Māhanga Bay on Massey Rd. (Ref: IRC3562)  
**Date:** Friday, 5 August 2022 8:10:00 am  
**Attachments:** [J009228-Need-a-hand-flyer-A5-2022Update.pdf](#)

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Dear [REDACTED],

Further to my email dated 29 July 2022 in which I advised your request in respect of the recent occupation of Māhanga Bay on Massey Rd had been granted I can now respond formally.

I can advise that given the land is owned by NIWA and LINZ, the costs incurred by the Council in respect of the Māhanga Bay protest were largely the result of Council officers time spent liaising with the police and other external agencies, and some readjustment to internal work plans to have more focus on dealing with customers complaints and concerns from members of the public.

The Police were the lead agency in respect of the process though Council officers were involved in:

- Working with the police in providing information to the protestors. The Council delivered the 'Need a Hand' flyer (attached) to protesters to link them with support and social agencies that Council partners with.
- Providing assistance to the Police with the removal of a pallet structure that was erected near the road reserve. The Councils Parks Sports and Recreation Operation team removed the structure and disposed of it at the landfill.
- Investigating potential spaces for the storage of personal possessions following the issuing of the Trespass Notice.
- Assisting with the final clean-up of the two sites and removal of vehicles etc. However; these costs were covered by NIWA and LINZ.
- Park Rangers and Hapai Ake team monitored Parks and Reserves around the city to ensure the protestors were not trying to set up camps on council land.
- Council Parks, Sports & Receptions Park Operations team continue to clean and pick up rubbish on Council reserves around the peninsula as part of their scheduled run.
- Receiving weekly updates from the police on the protest situation, and we are continuing to liaise with the police and other local authorities on the movement of protestors around the city and the wider region.

With respect to the removal of the pallet structure and associated rubbish from the site, the labour costs were approximately \$2,808.00, and the landfill fees were approximately \$750.00.

The Council Legal Team spent approximately 12 hours liaising with the Police and other Council officers.

Should you have any further questions please contact me.

Kind regards,  
Ian

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# Need a hand?

## Wellington city help and support services

### Work and Income

195 Willis Street and 96 Riddiford Street  
0800 559 009  
Monday–Friday 8.30am–5pm

### Te Wāhi Āwhina

117 Manners Street, Te Aro  
Monday–Friday 9am–5pm  
Community support base

### Compassion Soup Kitchen

132 Tory Street | 04 385 9299  
Monday–Saturday 12pm–2pm  
Serving takeaway meals

### Wellington City Mission

19 Gordon Place, Newtown  
0800 245 0900  
Monday–Thursday 9am–3.30pm,  
Friday 10.30am–3.30pm  
Food, accommodation and support services

### DCM

2 Lukes Lane | 04 384 7699  
Monday–Friday 9am–12pm  
Essential support services

### Wellington Homeless Women's Trust

[www.whwt.kiwi](http://www.whwt.kiwi) | 04 384 7870  
Accommodation and support

### Wellington City Council

[wellington.govt.nz](http://wellington.govt.nz)  
04 499 4444 | [info@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:info@wcc.govt.nz)  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
General information and enquiries

### Kahungunu Whānau Services

0800 294 462  
Monday–Friday 9am–4.30pm  
Food, accommodation and support services

### Salvation Army

4 Normanby Street, Newtown  
0800 530 000  
Monday–Friday 9am–4.30pm  
Support services

### Te Aro Health Centre

331 Willis Street, Te Aro | 04 385 0255  
Monday–Friday 9am–12pm, 1pm–4.30pm  
Outreach clinic at DCM  
2 Lukes Lane  
Tuesday–Thursday 9am–12pm  
Low-cost health practice

### Evolve, Wellington Youth Service

Level 2, James Smith Building,  
Corner Cuba Street and Manners Street,  
Te Aro | 04 801 9150  
Monday–Thursday 10am–6pm,  
Friday 10am–5pm  
Youth health and support services