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Kia ora Bob,

Protests in the last five years

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 03 January 2023. You requested the following information:

For the past 5 years:

- *Marches (political or issue-based) that have occurred on Wellington CBD streets (walking and/or vehicles) and ending at Parliament grounds*
e.g. BLM, Ihumatao protestors, School Strike 4 climate, March for Life, Poneke Anti-Fascist Action etc
- *For each of the marches over the past 5 years, could you please provide the following info:*
 - *Which of the marches had council sanction with a Permit to march (in advance)*
 - *Which of the marches had a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) in place*
 - *What was the amount of the payment made for the traffic management plan (if applicable).*
 - *Who paid for the TMP – protestors, WCC, other?*

Wellington City Council has partially granted your request for information.

1. *Marches (political or issue-based) that have occurred on Wellington CBD streets (walking and/or vehicles) and ending at Parliament grounds*

We do not keep a full record of protests, therefore; this has not been provided under section 17(e) of the Act.

Permission is needed from the Speaker's Office to protest on Parliament grounds, so you may wish to contact speakers.office@parliament.govt.nz as they may hold a record of protests which have been held there. More information is available on the Parliament website [Protests & demonstrations - New Zealand Parliament \(www.parliament.nz\)](http://www.parliament.nz)

The Street Activities team have internally collected the below information since November 2020. This is not a fulsome list and does not specify location as ending at Parliament, nor those that required road or footpath closure. We have provided this information as it is likely of interest to you.

Protests	Day	Date	TMP yes/no
Animal Rights	Sunday	2020 11 29	No
Ending Conversion Therapy	Friday	2021 03 19	No
Old Town Hall Protest	Saturday	2021 03 27	No
School Strike for Climate Change	Friday	2021 04 09	Yes
Falun Dafa Protest	Wednesday	2021 04 14	Yes
The Peace March	Wednesday	2021 05 11	No
Millions March	Saturday	2021 05 29	No
Nurses Protest	Wednesday	2021 06 09	No
Mike King Mental Health	Wednesday	2021 06 16	No
Cuban Dictatorship Protest	Friday	2021 07 17	No
Immigration Protest	Tuesday	2021 08 03	No
Reclaim NZ Protest	Wednesday	2021 08 04	No
Safe Protest (end Greyhound racing)	Wednesday	2021 08 04	No
Renters United	Thursday	2021 08 05	No
Extinction Rebellion - recurring Protest	Friday	2021 08 13	No
Fridays for Future NZ- recurring protest	Friday	2021 08 13	No
Lack of Mental Health Funding protest	Fri - Wed	2021 08 20-25	No
Anti-Government Protest	Tuesday	2021 08 31	No
Suffrage Day	Sunday	2021 09 19	No
Climate March	Friday	2021 09 24	No
Anti-Vaccination and Mask	Saturday	2021 10 02	No
Extinction Rebellion - recurring Protest	Mon-Thu	2021 10 25-28	No
Freedom & Rights Coalition - No more control	Tuesday	2021 11 09	No
Freedom & Rights Coalition- D Day Deadline for Government	Friday	2021 11 12	No
Freedom & Rights Coalition - The Great Gridlock	Saturday	2021 11 13	No
Freedom & Rights Coalition - Father of all Protests/ The Great Exodus	Saturday	2021 11 20	No
Animal Rights	Saturday	2021 11 20	No
Extinction Rebellion - McSit-in	Sunday	2021 11 20	No
Groundswell - Mother of all Protests	Sunday	2021 11 21	No
Migrant Right Protest	End of Nov	2021 Nov	No
Freedom & Rights Coalition - Gather March Stand	Saturday	2021 12 04	No
Freedom & Rights Coalition - The Final Countdown	Thursday	2021 12 16	No
No More Movement	Tuesday	2021 12 21	No
Year Long Military Coup in Myanmar Protest	Tuesday	2022 02 01	No
Convey 2022	Sunday	2022 02 06	No
Persecution in China protest	Wednesday	2022 03 09	No
Falun Dafa Protest	Tuesday	2022 02 23	Yes

Convoy 2022	24 Days	2022 Feb	No
Stand with Ukraine	Saturday	2022 02 26	No
Stand for Peace Ukraine	Saturday	2022 03 19	No
Falun Dafa Protest (Postponed to 30th April)	Saturday	2022 04 09	Yes
Unite Protest (Day 1) - Unite	Friday	2022 04 01	No
Unite Protest (Day 2) - Government Overreach	Saturday	2022 04 02	No
Unite Protest (Day 3) - Our children our future	Sunday	2022 04 03	No
Unite Protest (Day 4) - Economic destruction	Monday	2022 04 04	No
Unite Protest (Day 5) - Bucket Fountain - Coercion	Tuesday	2022 04 05	No
Unite Protest (Day 6) - Police brutality with a minute of silence	Wednesday	2022 04 06	No
Unite Protest (Day 7) -Covid Response Act	Thursday	2022 04 07	No
Unite Protest (Day 8) - Misinformation	Friday	2022 04 08	No
Unite Protest (Day 9) - Our way of life, with attending to the gathering	Saturday	2022 04 09	No
Sri Lankan Gov't Protest	Saturday	2022 04 09	No
Sri Lankan Gov't Protest - Raise awareness violating human rights	Sunday	2022 04 09	No
Unite Protest (Day 10) - Concert for DJ Trev	Sunday	2022 04 10	No
Unite Protest (Day 11) - Bill of Rights	Monday	2022 04 11	No
Unite Protest (Day 12) - Vaccine injured with a minute of silence	Tuesday	2022 04 12	No
Unite Protest (Day 13) - Body Autonomy	Wednesday	2022 04 13	No
Unite Protest (Day 14) - Truth	Thursday	2022 04 14	No
Falun Dafa Protest	Saturday	2022 04 30	No
Stand for Peace Ukraine	Saturday	2022 04 30	No
Allied Health Workers Rally	Monday	2022 05 16	No
Anti-War Protest	Sunday	2022 06 12	No
Abortion Rights Protest	Friday	2022 07 01	No
Peaceful Protest	Monday	2023 07 04	No
Falun Dufa Protest	Wednesday	2022 07 27	Yes
Shelly Bay Peaceful Protest	Monday	2022 07 04	No
Freedom and Rights Coalition & Convoy Protest	Saturday	2022 07 23	No
Renters Fight Back Protest	Thursday	2022 07 28	No
Footpath Suffrage Day Protest	Sunday	2022 09 18	No
A Country in Crisis	Tuesday	2022 08 23	No
Peaceful Protest (counter protest to one above)	Tuesday	2022 08 23	No
Secondary School Climate Protest	Friday	2022 09 23	Yes
Discriminatory treatment of women in Iran	Saturday	2022 09 24	No
Global Day of Action for women's freedom in Iran	Saturday	2022 10 01	No

Wellington Ukrainian Community and Iran Solidarity group	Sunday	2022 11 13	No
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2. Which of the marches had council sanction with a Permit to march (in advance)

You do not need permission from Council to hold a protest. We request a protest to submit a TMP if they will be on the road, however it is not a requirement. Please see the below response for further context.

3. Which of the marches had a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) in place

Please see above table for the information we hold. Beyond this, please see our response to question on.

4. What was the amount of the payment made for the traffic management plan (if applicable).

If the group has arranged for a Corridor Access Request (CAR) and Traffic Management Plan (TMP), the fees Customer Compliance team charge are:

- CAR fees (from 1 July 2021) \$75
- CAR fees (prior to 1 July 2021) \$65
- TMP (from 1 July 2021) \$95
- TMP (prior to July 2021) \$90

The fee for the on-site traffic management is dependent on the traffic management company and size. WCC is not aware of what costs may have been discussed between protest groups and the selected Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) company as this is a private contract between them, and WCC has no part to play in selection of TTM company, services requested, or fees charged.

5. Who paid for the TMP – protestors, WCC, other?

Usually, the cost for a TMP is often discussed between the protest organisers and the provider undertaking the TMP. This is a private contract between both parties and the Council plays no part in the selection of TMP company, the services requested, or fees charged.

In cases where the Council does organise a TMP (for example, a risk analysis shows a public safety concern that was not being adequately addressed by organisers) it is our discretion if TMP fees should be paid or waived.

We do not keep a record of Traffic Management Plan payments. therefore, this has not been provided under section 17(e) of the Act. There is no policy or records to track our decision to charge a TMP or how much it would cost.

I can advise that the below were paid for by Wellington City Council, however, cannot confirm if there have been other instances in the past five years of payments:

- 23 August 2022 – Destiny Church

New Zealand Police requested that Fulton Hogan provided a Temporary Traffic Management (TTM). The TTM was charged back to the Council via the CBD maintenance contract to the amount of \$16,577.48. This was then charged to the Police.

The TTM was requested by Police and there was no request from the protest organisers, nor dialogue between the Council and the protest organisers regarding the TTM.

- *09 April 2021 – School Strike for Climate*

Organisers engaged Fulton Hogan to provide TTM services. These costs were covered by WCC at a total of \$5,466.33

- *14 June 2020 - Black Lives Matter*

- *24 May 2019 – School Strike for Climate*

The protest was run with a TTM provided by WCC. This was approved after a risk analysis showed a public safety concern that was not being adequately addressed by organisers.

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

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