

13 August 2024

File Ref: IRC-6578

Journalist

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email of 4 June 2024 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

1. *All correspondence (inbound and outbound) between council officers/staff (including Barbara McKerrow, Andrea Reeves, Stephen McArthur, Nadine Walker and Michael Naylor) and representative(s) of Unions Wellington between 1 January 2024 and 31 May 2024 relating to the proposed sale of Wellington City Council's shares in Wellington Airport, including relating to*
 - a. *any meetings between council officers/staff and representatives of Union Wellington,*
 - b. *any meetings between elected councillors and representatives of Unions Wellington, and/or*
 - c. *Unions Wellington's "Keep the Airport Ours" public forum held on 17 April 2024.*
2. *All correspondence (inbound and outbound) among council officers/staff (including those named above), and between council officers/staff and elected councillors, between 1 January 2024 and 31 May 2024 relating to*
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3. *Any records (including meeting notes, minutes, or agenda) of meetings attended by Unions Wellington representatives and council officers/staff held between 1 January and 31 May 2024.*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

Please find attached, as Appendix 01 to my response, all documents and communications relating to communications between Council employees, Councillors and Unions Wellington. Some information has been withheld for the following reasons:

- Section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA, to protect the privacy of natural persons; and
- Section 7(2)(f)(i) of the LGOIMA, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expressions of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority in the course of their duty; and
- Section 7(2)(f)(ii) of the LGOIMA, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment.

As per section 7(1) of the LGOIMA, I do not consider that in the circumstances of this response, the withholding of this information is outweighed by the other considerations which render it desirable to in the public interest to make the information available.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DM', followed by a horizontal line.

Danika Morris-Brown
*Senior Advisor Official Information
Complaints & Information Assurance
Wellington City Council*

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Wed, 6 Mar at 12:51 PM

Did you want me to see if Unions Wellington want to meet with Andrea?

Yep!

And how did you feel about the labour branch that's running the campaign?

Maybe I leave that with Nureddin to organise that?

I think they're aware of why it needs to happen but don't care - I'll double check with Ben if it's worthwhile



iMessage



From: [Unions Wellington](#)
To: [Councillor Teri O'Neill](#)
Subject: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares
Date: Monday, 11 March 2024 7:15:42 pm
Attachments: [Letter to Cr Teri O'Neill.pdf](#)

Kia ora Teri, (please see attached letter)

We are writing to you as Unions Wellington, the local branch of the Council of Trade Unions. We represent members of CTU-affiliated unions in the Wellington region. This represents a large number of your constituents.

We know there are a number of our members who put their faith in you to be their representative, and we're glad that you and your Labour colleagues have proved yourself as a defender of public ownership and their interests thus far. We'd like to meet with you to discuss our campaign and how we can support you around the council table to continue to oppose the sale.

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Please let us know a time and place that would suit you, and we will organise a delegation from Unions Wellington to meet with you for coffee.

Cheers,

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126 Vivian St, Te Aro
Wellington 6011

Cr Teri O'Neill
Motukairangi/Eastern Ward Councillor
Wellington City Council
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Convenor
Unions Wellington

From: [Unions Wellington](#)
To: [Councillor Diane Calvert](#)
Subject: Re: Letter from Unions Wellington
Date: Tuesday, 12 March 2024 2:51:34 pm

Kia ora Diane,

Whilst we are supportive of the Labour Party in their efforts to prevent the sale of Wellington Airport. We are not involved in their campaign.

Unions Wellington is not affiliated with any political party. We are open to engaging with political parties and politicians across the political spectrum provided they are willing to listen to the voices of workers, and worker aligned organisations.

Given we are not involved with the Labour party or their campaign if you wish to give feedback to Labour on their campaign you will need to do that directly. I'm sure they will be open to engaging.

All the best,

s7(2)(a)

On Tue, 12 Mar 2024 at 12:06 PM, Councillor Diane Calvert
<diane.calvert@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Thanks. The publicity stunt [Don't Sell Wellington Airport - NZ Labour Party](#) has been brought about by Wellington Labour to try and recover their mana after giving into the Greens against their own hard fought principles. I define it as a "stunt" because if it was genuine campaign and based on Labour principles, then they would include all WCC asset sales albeit centred around the airport because of the value.

Unions are known to be closely aligned to the Labour Party so I would encourage you to go back to the instigator of the campaign (Wellington Labour) and ask them to also focus on the other two assets facing sale or closer ie Wadestown and Khandallah. I am happy for you to share this email with the Labour campaign team.

Regards

Diane

Councillor Diane Calvert

Wellington City Council | Wharangi/Onslow-Western Ward

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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 11:46 AM

To: Councillor Diane Calvert <diane.calvert@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Letter from Unions Wellington

Hi Diane,

We're not publicizing that we are engaging with you at this point, so I'm not sure what you mean by publicity stunt. Our only public facing action thus far has been a stall at the Newtown fair.

We oppose asset sales as a matter of principle (personally I oppose the sale of the Wadestown community centre and the closure of the Khandallah pool) but this is a campaign specifically about the airport.

We are engaging with all councillors on this issue no matter party affiliation. I would also note that we are not affiliated to any political party.

If you're still happy to meet about the airport specifically, then I can advise of our availability.

Cheers

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On Tue, 12 Mar 2024, 10:55 Councillor Diane Calvert, <diane.calvert@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Thank you for your letter. I do however feel that this is just a publicity stunt.

If you and other Labour aligned organisations (including elected members) were genuine about asset ownership you would also be campaigning to retain all community assets. This council is currently planning on selling a local community centre (Wadestown Community Centre) that was gifted to the community and a local outdoor summer swimming pool (Khandallah Summer Pool). This has been done **without** a reasonable level of pre- engagement in working with respective local communities on viable options .

If you would like to discuss the broader subject of assets sales, then happy to engage. In the meantime you may want to check with the Labour councillors- McNulty, Matthews & O'Neill on their views as there seems to be inconsistencies in approaches . (Cllr Abdurahman has been consistent in opposing all asset sales including community assets).

Regards

Diane

Councillor Diane Calvert

Wellington City Council | Wharangi/Onslow-Western Ward

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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 8:09 PM

To: Councillor Diane Calvert <diane.calvert@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Letter from Unions Wellington

Kia ora Diane,

Please see attached a letter to you from Unions Wellington, the local branch of the NZCTU, regarding the sale of airport shares as proposed in the draft Long Term Plan.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss please contact us on this email address.

We look forward to your response,

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Convenor

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From: [Councillor Nikau Wi Neera](#)
To: [Unions Wellington](#)
Subject: [Re: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares](#)
Date: Sunday, 17 March 2024 9:45:56 pm

It is good!

See you tomorrow.

N

Nikau Wi Neera
Councillor for Te Whanganui-a-Tara Māori Ward
[Wellington City Council](#)

M: [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) E: nikau.wineera@wcc.govt.nz

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 9:39:41 PM
To: Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares

We can do 11-11.30 but can't do later than that unfortunately.

Let us know

On Sun, 17 Mar 2024, 21:33 Councillor Nikau Wi Neera, <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora anō,

Could we do slightly later? Say 1130?

Happy for [s7\(2\)\(g\)](#) to join us.

Cheers,
N

Nikau Wi Neera
Councillor for Te Whanganui-a-Tara Māori Ward
[Wellington City Council](#)

M: [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) E: nikau.wineera@wcc.govt.nz

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 9:12:42 PM
To: Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares

Kia ora Nikau,

I realise we hadn't yet set a time to meet tomorrow within the hours you indicated you were available. Would 10.30 am tomorrow at the Mojo in the Spark building work well for you? If your day has filled up, I completely understand. If that is the case, we have availability on Thursday and Friday afternoons; also, let us know if that could work better.

When we spoke on Tuesday afternoon, you indicated that you would be happy to meet with [s7\(2\)\(f\)](#) alongside us, provided he was interested in discussing and trying to find solutions to the insurance issue. We have relayed this to him; we would like him to join us for our conversation with you as we feel that having someone with an economics background is vital in terms of looking at a feasible solution to what is a complex issue.

All the best,

[s7\(2\)\(g\)](#)

On Tue, Mar 12, 2024 at 3:06 PM Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora,

Kai te pai, if we could schedule in 15 minutes or so at any point between now and 6pm that would be ideal. My number is [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#).

Monday the 18th is good, either before 12.30pm or after 7.30pm. Either in-person or Zoom is fine by me.

Cheers,
N

Nikau Wi Neera
Ngāi Toa, Kāi Tahu, Ngāwhiri, Ngāti Pāhauwera
Wellington City Councillor | Te Whanganui-a-Tara Māori Ward
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Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 12 March 2024 14:50
To: Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares

Kia ora Nikau,

Our hope was to set up a discussion with a couple of us from the committee. If you have something you want to discuss briefly over the phone today- I can arrange to do that on my afternoon tea break but our preference would be that it would be in addition to a proper meeting. Let me know if you would like me to give you a quick call, and if so what the best number to contact you on is.

Does Monday 18/03/24 evening for a proper meeting work for you?

[s7\(2\)\(g\)](#)

On Tue, Mar 12, 2024 at 1:03 PM Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora anō,

If you're free today, even for a call of some kind, that would be my preference. Alternatively, if you're attending the WSS event tonight, I'd be very happy to catch up afterwards.

I'll be unavailable for the rest of this week, except perhaps for a brief window tomorrow evening.

Otherwise I'm free most evenings next week.

Cheers,
N

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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 12 March 2024 11:56
To: Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares

Hi Nikau,

We don't see the possibility for significant change to the proposal LTP before it goes out for consultation but if we're wrong then please let us know!

If you send us a couple of times you're available over the next few weeks then we can let you know which time works for us

Cheers

s7(2)(a)

On Mon, 11 Mar 2024, 20:04 Councillor Nikau Wi Neera, <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:
Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Thank you for the email. This topic will constitute most of my evening, as it has most of my day. If you'd like to catch up over the phone (or video call) this evening, that would suit me well.

Alternatively, if you'd prefer to meet in person, could I suggest tomorrow after mahi at the very latest - given the events in store on Wednesday.

Cheers,
N

Sent from Outlook for iOS

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 7:15:00 PM
To: Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares

Kia ora Nikau, (please see attached letter)

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Unions Wellington is opposed to the sale because the airport is a revenue-generating strategic asset. We believe a public stake in the airport is essential for the airport to become a High Performance, High Engagement employer, an organisation where workers and the community have a say in how it is run. We also believe a public stake is critical to ensuring the airport can be part of a Just Transition to combat climate change. In addition, the airport has returned 11.2 percent per year, above the average annual share market return.

As a Green-endorsed councillor, we know you made a 2022 election manifesto commitment not to sell strategic assets (section 5.3 'Green Local Government Policy 2022'). You are also a member of a party with a proud history of opposing privatization in any form. The Union movement has had a strong relationship with the Green Party as allies of our goal of democratic control of the economy. We know there are a number of our members who put their faith in you to be their representative and who believed they were voting for someone who would prioritise public ownership, environmental sustainability, and workers' rights.

We hope you will meet with us to hear our perspective on why we oppose the sale. We would also like to understand your vote to consult on selling the shares with your values as a Green Councillor.

Please let us know a time and place that would suit you, and we will organise a delegation from Unions Wellington to meet with you for coffee.

Cheers,
s7(2)(a)
Convenor

From: [Councillor Tim Brown](#)
To: [Tim Brown](#)
Subject: Fw: Letter from Unions Wellington
Date: Monday, 18 March 2024 8:22:49 am
Attachments: [Tim Brown.pdf](#)

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 8:08 PM
To: Councillor Tim Brown <Tim.Brown@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Letter from Unions Wellington

Kia ora Tim,

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s7(2)(a)
Convenor

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We know there are a number of our members who put their faith in you to be their representative. We hope you will meet with us to hear our perspective on why we oppose the sale. We would also like to understand your vote to consult on selling the shares, and your values more broadly.

Please let us know a time and place that would suit you, and we will organise a delegation from Unions Wellington to meet with you for coffee.

Cheers,

s7(2)(a)

Convenor
Unions Wellington

From: [Unions Wellington](#)
To: [Councillor Tim Brown](#)
Subject: Re: Letter from Unions Wellington
Date: Monday, 18 March 2024 7:45:31 pm

That's a good summary - we will be bringing along s7(2)(a) who is the s7(2)(a) in case you have technical questions.

Looking forward to meeting you!

On Mon, Mar 18, 2024 at 3:52 PM Councillor Tim Brown <Tim.Brown@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Thanks.

As I understand it from your letter, your concerns are:

1. That the income WIA gives up when it sells its Airport shares will be greater than the income it is able to generate on alternative investments
2. That WCC will give up influence over the operation of the Airport if it sells
3. That WIA will be less committed to a Just Transition if WCC is no longer a major shareholder

Does that sum it up?

Tim

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 1:03 PM
To: Councillor Tim Brown <Tim.Brown@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Letter from Unions Wellington

Hi Tim,

Yes that's right, basically next door to the council office. It's the cafe in the lobby of the Fujitsu building.

See you then

On Mon, 18 Mar 2024, 08:01 Councillor Tim Brown, <Tim.Brown@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

s7(2)(a)

That does, I see its to be at 141 The Terrace

See you then

Tim

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:00 PM
To: Councillor Tim Brown <Tim.Brown@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Letter from Unions Wellington

Hi Tim,

Thursday afternoon would work well for us. Does 2pm work for you?

s7(2)(a)

On Sat, Mar 16, 2024 at 11:50 AM Councillor Tim Brown

<Tim.Brown@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

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I'm available Thursday afternoon if that suits you

Tim

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 7:23 PM

To: Councillor Tim Brown <Tim.Brown@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Letter from Unions Wellington

Thanks so much Tim,

Would you be available Friday (22nd March) at 1.30pm?

Cheers

s7(2)(a)

On Tue, 12 Mar 2024, 13:17 Councillor Tim Brown, <Tim.Brown@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

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I'd be delighted to meet to discuss this

Tim

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From: [Councillor Nureddin Abdurahman](#)
To: [Unions Wellington](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares
Date: Monday, 18 March 2024 1:49:16 pm

Yes, sounds good.

Nga mihi,

Clr Nureddin Abdurahman

Wellington City Council

Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council | Member

Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee | Member

Koata Hātepe | Regulatory Processes Committee | Member

Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee | Member

Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee | Deputy Chair

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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 1:28:22 PM
To: Councillor Nureddin Abdurahman <Nureddin.Abdurahman@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares

Awesome, thank you Nureddin - Rebecca suggested that we meet with the Labour councillors together, as we mostly want to know how we can support you to push against the sale proposal at the council table. I think she has asked admin support to arrange a time. Is this agreeable to you?

Cheers

On Mon, 18 Mar 2024, 10:48 Councillor Nureddin Abdurahman,
<Nureddin.Abdurahman@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia Ora s7(2)(a),

Thanks for your patience with delayed response to your email. Yes, I would love to catch up with the union delegates and happy to host at our Council office 113 the Terrace. I can make time anytime on Monday the 25th of March or 10am to 12pm on Tuesday the 26th. Let me know if that works for you.

Nga mihi,

Clr Nureddin Abdurahman

Wellington City Councillor | **Paekawakawa Southern Ward**

Deputy Chair | Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee

Member | Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council

Member | Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee

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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 7:15 PM

To: Councillor Nureddin Abdurahman <Nureddin.Abdurahman@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares

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We've been impressed with your moral and logical leadership on the issue of the sale of the Council's shares in Wellington Airport. We know there are a number of our members who put their faith in you to be their representative, and we're glad that you have proved yourself as a defender of public ownership and their interests thus far.

We'd like to meet with you to discuss our campaign and how we can support you around the council table to continue to oppose the sale. We have sent letters to your council colleagues asking them to meet with us to discuss this issue.

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From: [Councillor Rebecca Matthews](#)
To: s7(2)(f)(ii)
Subject: Fwd: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares
Date: Monday, 18 March 2024 1:05:44 pm
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Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 7:15:00 PM
To: Councillor Rebecca Matthews <Rebecca.Matthews@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares

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We have sent letters to your council colleagues asking them to meet with us to discuss this issue. We're planning on hosting a public event to put pressure on the councillors, especially those with Green/ environmentalist sympathies to maintain council ownership of this important asset.

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Cheers,
s7(2)(a)



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Cr Rebecca Matthews
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s7(2)(a)

Convenor
Unions Wellington

From: s7(2)(f)(ii)
To: [Mayoral Meetings](#)
Cc: s7(2)(f)(ii)
Subject: RE: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares
Date: Wednesday, 27 March 2024 11:30:00 am

Hi s7(2)(f)(ii)

Yes Andrea should join this meeting, probably s7(2)(f)(ii) and I as well, or at least one of us.

Suggest you set it for second week of April just before the LTP goes out for consultation.

s7(2)(f)(ii)

From: Mayoral Meetings <Mayoral.Meetings@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 9:59 AM
To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares

Hi s7(2)(f)(ii)

Tory would like to meet with this group. She would like Andrea Reeves involved please. Are you able to set up and co-ordinate please who the right people should attend with her & Andrea?

thanks

s7(2)(f)(ii)

s7(2)(f)(ii) (She/Her)
Kaiārahi Matua ki te Koromatua | Executive Assistant to the Mayor

M s7(2)(f)(ii)
E s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 7:15 PM
To: Mayor <Mayor@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares

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We would also like to understand your vote to consult on selling the shares, and your values more broadly. Please let us know a time and place that would suit you, and we will organise a delegation from Unions Wellington to meet with you.

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s7(2)(a)

Convenor

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From: [Unions Wellington](#)
To: [DL: Councillors](#)
Subject: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum
Date: Tuesday, 2 April 2024 7:52:32 am
Attachments: [Keep the Airport Ours .png](#)

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After responding yes or no to this question, councillors will have three minutes to justify their answer, during which they may address any additional points.

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From: [Unions Wellington](#)
To: [Councillor Diane Calvert](#)
Cc: [DL: Councillors](#); [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)
Subject: Re: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum
Date: Tuesday, 2 April 2024 9:14:48 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora Diane,

Before reading this email please note that this is not legal advice but simply providing you with information on how the law operates. We will be providing councillors with a written legal opinion (which can be treated as advice) prior to the forum and we will have a qualified lawyer speaking at the forum to ease any concern councillors have about entering the LTP process with a predetermined position.

As such we have written the question taking into account the need for councillors to maintain a genuinely open mind during the consultation process for the LTP. We grounded this view in legal information we have collected .

Applying the Supreme Court decision of *Easton v Wellington City Council*, councillors of Wellington City Council can take a strong position on the sale of Wellington Airport and do so publicly without breaching their legal obligations. They would only put themselves at risk if they were perceived as not fairly considering any relevant information about the sale. This risk can be mitigated by stating as a councillor that you will genuinely consider all information presented during the LTP process. The protection for councillors is reflected in the question posed.

Let me know if you have any further questions, and please confirm whether or not you are able to attend our forum by the 9th of April.

Cheers,

[s7\(2\)\(a\)](#)

On Tue, Apr 2, 2024 at 8:33 AM Councillor Diane Calvert <Diane.Calvert@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

The following statement makes no sense and is completely disingenuous to the local democratic decisions

"Do you commit, without restricting your ability to genuinely consider all information put to you in the consultation process, to voting against any council resolution that would result in Wellington City Council disposing of their 34 percent holding in Wellington International Airport Limited ?" How on earth can you "commit" before considering all information?

You are also parroting the ill thought through local Labour campaign without looking at the facts and presumably wanting to do some drum/chest beating in the process.

Strangely (or not), the majority of the same elected members supporting your campaign are happy to see this council dispose of other community assets. Hardly a principle and

consistent based approach. Disposing of community assets such as shares in the local airport is akin to getting rid of other council assets such as Khandallah Pool and Wadestown Community Centre to pocket the money and savings into a large black hole.

The current proposal to sell the shares and pocket the proceeds into some sort of 'green fund' is smoke and mirrors and is just another black hole. It is essentially being used to pay down debt with a bit of greenwashing thrown in to make it look half palatable to some. There are far more disadvantages than advantages.

Selling the shares under the current proposal is just plain dumb. I look forward to hearing what others have to say in the lead up (assuming that information is provided in a balanced manner) to what I hope will be a democratic decision and, for once. Taking into account the majority of public views.

Regards

Diane

Councillor Diane Calvert

Wellington City Council | Wharangi/Onslow-Western Ward

P **s7(2)(f)(ii)** | E diane.calvert@wcc.govt.nz | W Wellington.govt.nz | F dianecalvertnz | T dianecalvertnz | W dianecalvertnz

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From: s7(2)(f)(ii)
To: s7(2)(f)(ii)
Subject: RE: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares
Date: Thursday, 4 April 2024 2:17:43 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
Importance: High

Hi s7(2)(f)(ii)

Do you know how long the meeting would be for? Also how soon is the meeting needed?

Below is Andrea's availability (although I may be able to move some things around):

Fri 12 Apr 30 mins between 9-10.30am, or 4.00-4.30pm

Mon 15 Apr 4-4.30pm

Wed 17 Apr 30 mins between 9.30-11.30am

Fri 19 Apr 30 mins between 9-10am

Let me know if any of these dates/times work and I will put a hold in the diary.

Ngā mihi

s7(2)(f)(ii)

s7(2)(f)(ii) (She/Her)

Executive Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer | Wellington City Council

M: s7(2)(f)(ii)

E: s7(2)(f)(ii) [@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz) | **W** wellington.govt.nz |

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From: Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 10:58 AM

To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares

Thanks s7(2)(f)(ii), more than happy to attend with Laurie.

s7(2)(f)(ii) – can you provide s7(2)(f)(ii) some time suggestions please.

From: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 10:56 AM

To: Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii)

<s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares

Kia ora Andrea

I checked with Laurie and this is the meeting she would like you to attend with her. I can go back to them with some times. Did you have any preferences?

Ngā mihi

s7(2)(f)(ii) (she/her)

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I work part-time and leave the office at 2.30pm each day so may be delayed in responding if you email me after that time.

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 7:15 PM

To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Meeting about Sale of Airport Shares

Kia ora Laurie, (please see attached letter)

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As a Green-endorsed councillor, we know you made a 2022 election manifesto commitment not to sell strategic assets (section 5.3 'Green Local Government Policy 2022). You are also a member of a party with a proud history of opposing privatization in any form. Unions Wellington's endorsement of your candidacy in 2019 was partially based on this.

The Union movement has had a strong relationship with the Green Party as allies of our goal of democratic control of the economy. We know there are a number of our members who put their faith in you to be their representative and who believed they were voting for someone who would prioritise public ownership, environmental sustainability, and workers' rights. We hope

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Cheers,

s7(2)(a)

Convenor

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From: [Councillor Tim Brown](#)
To: [Unions Wellington](#)
Subject: Re: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum
Date: Monday, 8 April 2024 4:29:53 pm
Attachments: [Keep the Airport Ours .png](#)

s7(2)(a)

Sure, I will be there

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No Q&A. Just a series of speeches

Tim

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 12:07 PM
To: Councillor Tim Brown <Tim.Brown@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

Kia ora Tim,

I hope you're doing well.

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From: [Unions Wellington](#)
To: [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)
Subject: Re: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum
Date: Tuesday, 9 April 2024 10:43:30 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Fantastic, thank you [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#). The Deputy Mayor's RSVP is noted

On Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 2:06 PM [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) <[s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora

Deputy mayor Laurie Foon will attend this.

She has another meeting that night, so will have to leave early.

Ngā mihi

[s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (she/her)

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From: [Unions Wellington](#)
To: [Councillor Tim Brown](#)
Subject: Re: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum
Date: Tuesday, 9 April 2024 1:33:14 pm
Attachments: [Keep the Airport Ours .png](#)

Yep, so you will be asked yes or no to the ask: "*Do you commit, without restricting your ability to genuinely consider all information put to you in the consultation process, to voting against any council resolution that would result in Wellington City Council disposing of their 34 percent holding in Wellington International Airport Limited*".

And then be able to explain your rationale behind your answer, and you can use that platform to talk about anything you like .

Cheers,

s7(2)(a)

On Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 4:30 PM Councillor Tim Brown <Tim.Brown@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

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From: [Councillor Ray Chung](#)
To: [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter from Unions Wellington
Date: Friday, 21 June 2024 5:26:50 pm

From: Councillor Ray Chung <Ray.Chung@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 3:25 PM
To: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Letter from Unions Wellington

Many thanks [s7\(2\)\(a\)](#)

That's good as your office is only 10 minutes' walk from council and have been looking for gaps! I was hoping to find a gap today but the day's been chocker! The rest of the week is looking really full from 7am to 7pm but will look for a gap!

Cheers, Ray

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:26 PM
To: Councillor Ray Chung <Ray.Chung@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Letter from Unions Wellington

Kia ora Ray,

I am based out of Fujitsu Tower 141 The Terrace.

All the best,

[s7\(2\)\(a\)](#)

On Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 4:18 PM Councillor Ray Chung <Ray.Chung@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi [s7\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Where is your office?

Cheers, Ray

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 5:20 PM
To: Councillor Ray Chung <Ray.Chung@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Letter from Unions Wellington

Kia ora Ray,

Could you please send us some times that work for you next week?

Cheers,

On Tue, Apr 2, 2024 at 8:03 AM Councillor Ray Chung <Ray.Chung@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi s7(2)(a)

Your email this morning reminded me that I still haven't found a time to meet so how does your calendar look for this week?

Cheers Ray

Ray Chung
Councillor Onslow-Western
Wellington City Council

From: Councillor Ray Chung <Ray.Chung@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 11:59:13 AM

To: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: Letter from Unions Wellington

Thanks s7(2)(a)

I'm flat out at the moment but will try to find a gap

Cheers, Ray

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 1:06 PM

To: Councillor Ray Chung <Ray.Chung@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Letter from Unions Wellington

Kia ora Ray,

We would love to meet with you before then, if possible, to touch base about our plans to maintain ownership of the airport shares.

Please let us know a time in the next week or two that suits you best.

Cheers,

s7(2)(a)

On Wed, Mar 13, 2024 at 9:40 PM Councillor Ray Chung
<Ray.Chung@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi s7(2)(a)

That'll be great thanks

Let's get over the LTP and DP debate and votes first!

Cheers Ray

Ray Chung

Councillor Onslow-Western

Wellington City Council

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 5:13:50 PM

To: Councillor Ray Chung <ray.chung@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Letter from Unions Wellington

Hi Ray,

Great to hear we're on the same page. Would you be available to meet for coffee some time over the next few weeks to discuss how we can prevent the sale and support you at the council table?

Cheers

s7(2)(a)

On Tue, 12 Mar 2024, 17:02 Councillor Ray Chung, <ray.chung@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi s7(2)(a)

I absolutely agree with you and I oppose selling our share in Wellington Airport! The main reason for this is that it's returning a good dividend, \$26 million just last year! Secondly, I feel that we can't trust our council not to sell these, take the \$300 million and spend it on some frivolous ideological-driven project!

Cheers, Ray

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 8:09 PM
To: Councillor Ray Chung <ray.chung@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Letter from Unions Wellington

Kia ora Ray,

Please see attached a letter to you from Unions Wellington, the local branch of the NZCTU, regarding the sale of airport shares as proposed in the draft Long Term Plan.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss please contact us on this email address.

We look forward to your response,

s7(2)(a)

Convenor

From: s7(2)(f)(ii)
To: s7(2)(f)(ii)
Cc: [Councillor Geordie Rogers](#)
Subject: Meeting to go in the calendar
Date: Tuesday, 9 April 2024 4:32:32 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi s7(2)(f)(ii),

I just spoke to Tory and she's all good for this meeting to go in the cal.

3.30-4pm Monday 15 April

Meeting with the Unions

Attendees:

- Tory Whanau
- Laurie Foon
- Nikau Wi Neera
- Geordie Rogers
- s7(2)(f)(ii)
- Andrea Reeves

External

- Thomas Nash (WRC)
- s7(2)(a)
- s7(2)(a)

Thanks heaps

s7(2)(f)(ii)

Ngā mihi

s7(2)(f)(ii) (She/Her)

Kaihautū| Chief of Staff

M s7(2)(f)(ii)

E s7(2)(f)(ii) [@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz)



From: [Unions Wellington](#)
To: [Councillor Ben McNulty](#)
Subject: Re: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum
Date: Wednesday, 10 April 2024 10:59:07 am
Attachments: [Keep the Airport Ours .png](#)

Kia ora Ben,

s7(2)(a)

We are going to share the councillors who are expected to attend the event, so those coming along know who will be there. Given your engagement with us this far, we'd like to advertise that you have engaged and note your apologies and read a (short, 30 seconds is fine) statement outlining your position; this could be read by either a labour colleague or myself or s7(2)(a) (NZCTU secretary), depending on your preference.

Let me know if you'd be happy for us to do this, and what your statement would be.

All the best,

s7(2)(a)

On Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 10:17 AM Councillor Ben McNulty

<Ben.McNulty@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

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able to attend.

I will not be

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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 10:48 PM

To: Councillor Ben McNulty <Ben.McNulty@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

Kia ora Ben,

It is of utmost importance to the community that councillors join us in listening to the perspectives of the Union Movement and our allies in the environmental movement.

We understand that life is very busy for a city councillor, but we ask you to reconsider your absence in this case.

Thanks, s7(2)(a)

On Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 3:43 PM Councillor Ben McNulty

<Ben.McNulty@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi team,

Apologies but I won't be able to make the meeting but you know where I stand on the airport sale.

Ngā mihi,

Ben

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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 12:11:24 PM

To: Councillor Ben McNulty <ben.mcnulty@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Fwd: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

Kia ora Ben,

I hope you're doing well.,

I was wondering if you could confirm your RSVP to our event before tomorrow.

Information is included in the forwarded email below.

Cheers,

s7(2)(a)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Unions Wellington** <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Apr 2, 2024 at 7:52 AM

Subject: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

To: <councillors@wcc.govt.nz>

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From: s7(2)(f)(ii)
To: s7(2)(f)(ii); [Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon](#)
Subject: RE: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum
Date: Thursday, 11 April 2024 1:05:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Tory isn't attending this one Laurie.

From: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:01 PM
To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

I agree with s7(2)(f)(ii) on this one so nothing new from me chat next week

From: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:00 PM
To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

The question?

Have just had a good chat with s7(2)(f)(ii) so all good unless you have anything to shed. Can discuss in person next week

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From: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 12:37:15 PM
To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

Thanks – what are you asking for advice on in particular?

From: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 12:34 PM
To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

Apologies as this is the right one.

Disregard the last email!

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From: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:52 PM

To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

Yes, I will need to leave early.

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From: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 12:19:36 PM

To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

Kia ora Laurie

I have put this in your calendar, but see you have to rsvp before the 9th April. You have a GBRAI meeting from 7pm-8pm the same night. Just checking if I rsvp to the airport meeting but say you may need to leave early?

Ngā mihi, s7(2)(f)(ii)

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Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:52 AM

To: DL: Councillors <councillors@wcc.govt.nz>

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s7(2)(f)(ii)



Mon, 15 Apr at 4:24 PM

s7(2)(f)(i)

Mon, 15 Apr at 6:26 PM

FYI - have sent you the legal advice re the union question and predetermination

Mon, 15 Apr at 8:47 PM

Awesome thanks so much for your work on that!! I really appreciate it

No prob!

Tue, 16 Apr at 11:20 AM



iMessage



From: s7(2)(f)(ii)
To: [Councillor Geordie Rogers](#); [Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon](#); [Councillor Nikau Wi Neera](#)
Cc: [Mayor Tory Whanau](#)
Subject: Fwd: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum
Date: Monday, 15 April 2024 6:22:13 pm
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Hi all

See below the legal advice on the union's public forum question on Wednesday.

Thanks
s7(2)(f)(ii)

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From: Beth Keightley <Beth.Keightley@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 6:06 PM
To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Stephen McArthur <Stephen.McArthur@wcc.govt.nz>; Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

Hi s7(2)(f)(ii)

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From: **s7(2)(f)(ii)** <**s7(2)(f)(ii)**@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 12:53 PM

To: Beth Keightley <Beth.Keightley@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

Hi Beth

As discussed

Some advice on whether Councillors are able to answer this question would be really appreciated.

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From: s7(2)(f)(ii)
To: [Mayor Tory Whanau](#)
Subject: final statement to unions wellington - please approve
Date: Tuesday, 16 April 2024 3:06:05 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I'm sorry I couldn't be here in person tonight, but thank you for the opportunity to share my thinking on the insurance challenge facing Pōneke and a key proposal we are seeking community input on in order to help us mitigate the risks we face.

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Ngā mihi

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Kaihautū| Chief of Staff

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From: s7(2)(f)(ii)
To: "Unions Wellington"
Bcc: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon
Subject: RE: Question at public forum - Airport Shares
Date: Tuesday, 16 April 2024 3:22:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi again

See below the statement from the Mayor:

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Thanks

s7(2)(f)(ii)

From: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:42 PM
To: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>; s7(2)(a)@nzctu.org.nz
Subject: RE: Question at public forum - Airport Shares

Okay, thanks for clarifying. I am used to greens language/kaupapa where metaphors that invoke violence are avoided so perhaps that is why I was shocked to read that!

We are just finalising a statement from Tory now so will get that to you shortly.

s7(2)(a) let us know when works for you for the catch-up outlined below.

Thanks

s7(2)(f)(ii)

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:18 PM
To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(a)@nzctu.org.nz
Subject: Re: Question at public forum - Airport Shares

Hi s7(2)(f)(ii),

"Pinning" is merely community organizing slang for asking candidates yes or no questions. This merely involves ensuring that it is a yes or no (pinning them to an answer). Many current and former councillors have been trained in community organising, such as Tamatha Paul, Rebecca Matthews, and Teri O'Neill, who will be able to illuminate you on the reality of this strategy.

It didn't occur to us that it would be read as intimidating by those unfamiliar with the term, but we can change it to "asking the question" in the runsheet.

If the mayor won't attend, will you provide us with a statement we can read on her behalf? We will also undoubtedly be asked about her absence, so it'd be good to cover all bases.

I am happy to work around s7(2)(a) Andrea and your schedules. I have included s7(2)(a) in this email so he can advise on his availability.

s7(2)(a)

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 1:09 PM s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

I am CCing our CFO who you met yesterday Andrea Reeves who can work with her team to pull together as much information you've requested as is possible.

If submissions come back saying don't sell the airport shares, and subsequently if Councillors decide not to proceed, it remains critically important for the wellbeing of the city that we have another concrete way forward for our insurance problem. With that in mind I am keen to work with Unions Wellington and Craig to see if there's any other solution we haven't stumbled across yet.

Andrea, RE s7(2)(a) email below, could you please possibly provide the parts that have been requested, highlighted below.

Regarding the revised question at the forum to enable good debate without predetermination, that has been provided to you to work through with Councillors that are down to attend. The revised question means they can debate fully without risk of judicial review.

Tory is still going to decline going to this meeting, and I have to say unfortunately even with your commitment for a safe environment to discuss, I found this agenda item framed up in a way that is disconcerting and not quite in line with what you've outlined below.

7 pm

Pinning Councillors/Mayor down – s7(2)(a)

*Each will stand up and be asked the question. Then, be given a strictly 3 min speech in response

Finally, when works for you / s7(2)(a) to sit down with Andrea and I to go over detail and work through what could be an alternative solution? If we are able to get this information to you by the end of this week would the end of this week work for you and s7(2)(a)

Let me know.

Thanks heaps

s7(2)(f)(ii)

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Subject: Re: Question at public forum - Airport Shares

Kia ora s7(2)(f)(ii),

We appreciate your promptly following up with your legal team after our discussion yesterday.

Pre-Determination issue

Your legal team's statements do not align with the advice we have received, and we do have some concerns about the democratic implications of the legal opinion given, which we would be happy to discuss further in the future.

However, we are not interested in insisting on a particular question structure if it prevents the Mayor from feeling comfortable attending our event, so we are altering the question to what your legal team has recommended.

Attending Public Forum

Yesterday at the meeting, you made it clear that from your perspective, no one said that simply attending the forum could constitute pre-determining her vote. As we have now changed the question to the council's recommendation, we do not think there is any reason why Tory cannot attend the event.

Tory did express that she was concerned there would be negativity towards her at the event. At public forums like the one we are hosting tomorrow, we are very clear with attendees that abusive behaviour towards anyone will not be tolerated. I will be co-chairing the event alongside Melissa, the secretary of NZCTU and part of our role will be moderating the behaviour of the room. Attendees will be told explicitly to be respectful towards candidates; no boos or anything at all that is remotely negative will be tolerated.

Furthermore, a huge part of this event is that it is an opportunity for our councillors to hear from the public during consultation. We would be disappointed if the Mayor and other councillors did not prioritise hearing from their constituency during the consultation period, particularly now that we have removed your concern that answering our question could be seen as pre-determination. We have invited and had invitations accepted by councillors across the political spectrum. We feel that the unionists and environmental groups attending most likely agree politically with Tory and would like to be able to share their perspectives with her as part of the consultation.

Please let us know whether Tory will be joining us as soon as possible. It is very important that she is able to speak to her voters and hear their concerns.

Working with s7(2)(a) Unions Wellington Going Forward

We appreciate your commitment yesterday to meeting with us again before the submissions close on May 12th. I know s7(2)(a) will also look forward to future discussions around alternatives to the consultation document's proposed alternatives.

We do recognise that you are looking for alternatives rather than critiques, and we are working to provide these as best possible. However, I am sure you must understand that we are working with much less information than you can access in your positions. So, from where we are currently, it is impossible to come up with alternative proposals that are more than

abstract. We are happy that you are going to provide us with all the information you can publicly share in terms of:

- All financial advice relevant to the topic of selling the airport shares
- All financial advice related to the airport generally
- All advice related to insurance
- All Financial advice related to the insurance gap
- All financial costings for the managed fund
- Anything else related to the airport or potentially relevant to the airport

I do want to be clear that while we want to work with you to find a solution, we do not believe what is proposed is a solution. We cannot run our campaign without critiquing the proposal if we also do not have commitments from councillors to vote against the sale of the airport, as that would undermine a core point of what we are trying to achieve, which is organising the public who are opposed to the airport sale to participate in the submission process and have their voice heard. If we could have public commitments that the sale wasn't going ahead, then the need to showcase the opposition would become less necessary, and we could all focus on a new way forward. I'm sure you understand it's not critique for the sake of it and never has been.

I have attached a run sheet for tomorrow's event. We hope that Tory will reconsider her attendance.

s7(2)(a)

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Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Thank you to you and your team for meeting with us yesterday.

As discussed yesterday, we have asked for legal advice regarding whether the question being put at the upcoming forum was predetermining consultation.

The questions being: *Do you commit, without restricting your ability to genuinely consider all information put to you in the consultation process, to voting against any council resolution that would result in Wellington City Council disposing of their 34 percent holding in Wellington International Airport Limited ?*

See below that advice from our legal team and a suggested replacement question.

Hi s7(2)(f)(ii)

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From: [Councillor Iona Pannett](#)
To: [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#); [Beth Keightley](#); [DL: Councillors](#)
Subject: RE: Unions Wellington public forum
Date: Tuesday, 16 April 2024 6:43:43 pm
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Thanks for that, useful, I am genuinely undecided but think helpful to suggest the re-wording to the community.

Iona

From: [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) <[s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:13 AM
To: DL: Councillors <[councillors@wcc.govt.nz](#)>
Subject: Unions Wellington public forum

Kia ora Councillors

A few of you asked for legal advice regarding whether the question being put at the upcoming Unions Wellington public forum on airport shares was predetermining consultation.

See below that advice from Beth.

I will also send this through to the organisers in the hopes they can reframe the questions so Councillors can have a fulsome debate / discussion with the community.

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To: Beth Keightley <Beth.Keightley@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

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Date: Tuesday, 16 April 2024 9:12:55 am
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To: [Katherine Meerman](#)
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Let me know.

Thanks heaps

s7(2)(f)(ii)

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Please let us know whether Tory will be joining us as soon as possible. It is very important that she is able to speak to her voters and hear their concerns.

Working with s7(2)(a) Unions Wellington Going Forward

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- Anything else related to the airport or potentially relevant to the airport

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I have attached a run sheet for tomorrow's event. We hope that Tory will reconsider her attendance.

s7(2)(a)

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To: unionswellington@gmail.com
Cc: s7(2)(f)(ii) ; [Councillor Geordie Rogers](#)
Subject: Question at public forum - Airport Shares
Date: Tuesday, 16 April 2024 9:18:11 am
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

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Subject: RE: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum
Date: Tuesday, 16 April 2024 8:14:44 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

No it hasn't did you want to pass it on or if not, can you send me there details?

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Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:14 AM
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Just checking has this advice gone to the meeting organisers?

Cheers

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Laurie >



Wed, 17 Apr at 8:47 AM

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To: Andrea Reeves
Subject: RE: Question at public forum - Airport Shares
Date: Wednesday, 17 April 2024 9:13:17 am
Attachments: image002.png
image003.png

Hi Andrea – I don't think there are any issues with sharing that document with them.
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Katherine

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Finally, when works for you / s7(2)(a) to sit down with Andrea and I to go over detail and work through what could be an alternative solution? If we are able to get this information to you by the end of this week would the end of this week work for you and s7(2)(a)?

Let me know.

Thanks heaps

s7(2)(f)(ii)

Ngā mihi

s7(2)(f)(ii) (She/Her)

Kaihautū| Chief of Staff

M s7(2)(f)(ii)

E s7(2)(f)(ii) @wcc.govt.nz



From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:53 PM

To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Question at public forum - Airport Shares

Kia ora s7(2)(f)(ii),

We appreciate your promptly following up with your legal team after our discussion yesterday.

Pre-Determination issue

Your legal team's statements do not align with the advice we have received, and we do have some concerns about the democratic implications of the legal opinion given, which we would be happy to discuss further in the future.

However, we are not interested in insisting on a particular question structure if it prevents the Mayor from feeling comfortable attending our event, so we are altering the question to what your legal team has recommended.

Attending Public Forum

Yesterday at the meeting, you made it clear that from your perspective, no one said that simply attending the forum could constitute pre-determining her vote. As we have now changed the question to the council's recommendation, we do not think there is any reason why Tory cannot attend the event.

Tory did express that she was concerned there would be negativity towards her at the event. At public forums like the one we are hosting tomorrow, we are very clear with attendees that abusive behaviour towards anyone will not be tolerated. I will be co-chairing the event alongside s7(2)(a), the secretary of NZCTU and part of our role will be moderating the behaviour of the room. Attendees will be told explicitly to be respectful towards candidates; no boos or anything at all that is remotely negative will be tolerated.

Furthermore, a huge part of this event is that it is an opportunity for our councillors to hear from the public during consultation. We would be disappointed if the Mayor and other councillors did not prioritise hearing from their constituency during the consultation period, particularly now that we have removed your concern that answering our question could be seen as pre-determination. We have invited and had invitations accepted by councillors across the political spectrum. We feel that the unionists and environmental groups attending most likely agree politically with Tory and would like to be able to share their perspectives with her as part of the consultation.

Please let us know whether Tory will be joining us as soon as possible. It is very important that she is able to speak to her voters and hear their concerns.

Working with s7(2)(a) Unions Wellington Going Forward

We appreciate your commitment yesterday to meeting with us again before the submissions close on May 12th. I know s7(2)(a) will also look forward to future discussions around alternatives to the consultation document's proposed alternatives.

We do recognise that you are looking for alternatives rather than critiques, and we are working to provide these as best possible. However, I am sure you must understand that we are working with much less information than you can access in your positions. So, from where we are currently, it is impossible to come up with alternative proposals that are more than abstract. We are happy that you are going to provide us with all the information you can publicly share in terms of:

- All financial advice relevant to the topic of selling the airport shares
- All financial advice related to the airport generally
- All advice related to insurance
- All Financial advice related to the insurance gap
- All financial costings for the managed fund
- Anything else related to the airport or potentially relevant to the airport

I do want to be clear that while we want to work with you to find a solution, we do not believe what is proposed is a solution. We cannot run our campaign without critiquing the proposal if

we also do not have commitments from councillors to vote against the sale of the airport, as that would undermine a core point of what we are trying to achieve, which is organising the public who are opposed to the airport sale to participate in the submission process and have their voice heard. If we could have public commitments that the sale wasn't going ahead, then the need to showcase the opposition would become less necessary, and we could all focus on a new way forward. I'm sure you understand it's not critique for the sake of it and never has been.

I have attached a run sheet for tomorrow's event. We hope that Tory will reconsider her attendance.

s7(2)(a)

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 9:18 AM s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Thank you to you and your team for meeting with us yesterday.

As discussed yesterday, we have asked for legal advice regarding whether the question being put at the upcoming forum was predetermining consultation.

The questions being: *Do you commit, without restricting your ability to genuinely consider all information put to you in the consultation process, to voting against any council resolution that would result in Wellington City Council disposing of their 34 percent holding in Wellington International Airport Limited ?*

See below that advice from our legal team and a suggested replacement question.

H/s7(2)(f)(ii)

I am strongly of the view that this question is not answered in this forum. The question requires a commitment to vote in a certain way. While the question does recognise the ability of Councillors to consider all information during the consultation process, it is only recognised as an ability and does not clearly reflect the legal obligation on Councillors – which is the statutory obligation to receive views with an open mind. Given that it is currently the beginning of a month-long consultation process, my unequivocal advice is that answering this question may give rise to concerns of bias and predetermination and possible invalidation of the decision should it be subject to a judicial review.

Councillors are entitled to hold strongly held views about issues. However Councillors should not commit to a particular outcome prior to the decision and should be able to demonstrate that they are open to alternatives, after listening to consultation and debate.

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An acceptable question that could be asked of Councillors would be:

Do you support (in principle and without restricting your obligation to genuinely consider all information put to you during the consultation process), retaining Wellington City Council's 34 percent holding in Wellington International Airport Limited ?

Thanks very much

s7(2)(f)(ii)

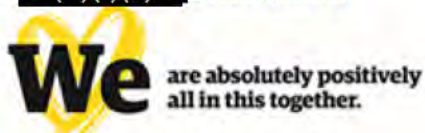
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From: [Beth Keightley](#)
To: [Councillor Geordie Rogers](#)
Cc: [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)
Subject: RE: Unions Wellington public forum
Date: Wednesday, 17 April 2024 2:01:39 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

That's fine with me Geordie.

Ngā Mihi
Beth

Beth Keightley

General Counsel | Legal Services | Te Tumu Ara Whaimana (Strategy and Governance) | Wellington City Council

E Beth.Keightley@wcc.govt.nz | W Wellington.govt.nz | M [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)

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From: Councillor Geordie Rogers <Geordie.Rogers@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Beth Keightley <Beth.Keightley@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) <[s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)> @wcc.govt.nz
Subject: RE: Unions Wellington public forum

Kia ora Beth,

I've just seen the finalised run sheet which has ever so slightly different wording. My assumption was that the change isn't a substantial change to the meaning, but I thought I'd just check in with you.

You provided:

Do you support (in principle and without restricting your obligation to genuinely consider all information put to you during the consultation process), retaining Wellington City Council's 34 percent holding in Wellington International Airport Limited?

Unions Wellington has written:

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Thanks heaps,
Geordie

From: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:13 AM
To: DL: Councillors <councillors@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Unions Wellington public forum

Kia ora Councillors

A few of you asked for legal advice regarding whether the question being put at the upcoming Unions Wellington public forum on airport shares was predetermining consultation.

See below that advice from Beth.

I will also send this through to the organisers in the hopes they can reframe the questions so Councillors can have a fulsome debate / discussion with the community.

Thanks very much

s7(2)(f)(ii)

From: Beth Keightley <Beth.Keightley@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 6:06 PM
To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Stephen McArthur <Stephen.McArthur@wcc.govt.nz>; Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

Hi s7(2)(f)(ii)

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Ngā Mihi
Beth

Beth Keightley

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From: **s7(2)(f)(ii)** <**s7(2)(f)(ii)** @wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 12:53 PM

To: Beth Keightley <Beth.Keightley@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

Hi Beth

As discussed

Some advice on whether Councillors are able to answer this question would be really appreciated.

s7(2)(f)(ii)

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:52 AM

To: DL: Councillors <councillors@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

Kia ora,

Unions Wellington invites you to our 'Keep the Airport Ours' public forum. This will take place on the 17th of April from 6:00 to 7:30 at Thistle Hall, 293 Cuba Street.

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Please reply to this email to RSVP to the forum by the latest of Tuesday, April 9th.



From: [Councillor Nikau Wi Neera](#)
To: [Nikau Wi Neera](#)
Subject: Fwd: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum
Date: Wednesday, 17 April 2024 2:08:02 pm
Attachments: [Keep the Airport Ours .png](#)
[Final Runsheet for Keep the Airport Ours – Public Forum. PDF.docx](#)

Nikau Wi Neera

Councillor for Te Whanganui-a-Tara Māori Ward
[Wellington City Council](#)

M: s7(2)(f)(ii) **E:** nikau.wineera@wcc.govt.nz

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 1:51:59 PM
To: DL: Councillors <councillors@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Invite: Keep the Airport Ours Public Forum

Kia ora,

Looking forward to seeing you all tonight. The finalised runsheet is attached for your insight, and the amended question is within it.

See you all soon.

Cheers,

Unions Wellington

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Runsheet for Keep the Airport Ours – Public Forum

EVENT	
6.00 pm	Opening Karakia
6.05 pm	MC s7(2)(a) & s7(2)(a) Open the Event *Outline ground rules for the event
6.15 pm	Speech s7(2)(a), Economist of the Council of Trade Unions
6.30 pm	Speech from s7(2)(a), Climate Clinic
6.40 pm	Statements from the public
6.55 pm	Speech from s7(2)(a), Unions Wellington
7 pm	Asking the question—s7(2)(a) <i>Do you support (in principle and without restricting your obligation to genuinely consider all information presented during the consultation process) retaining Wellington City Council's 34% holding in Wellington International Airport Limited?</i> *Each will stand up and be asked the question. Then, be given a strictly 3 min speech in response
7.25 pm	Closing karakia and remarks from Co-Chairs.
7.30 pm	Photo with audience and candidates
7.35 pm	Mix and Mingle

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s7(2)(f)(ii)

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Fri, 19 Apr at 12:51 PM

The video of s7(2)(a) talking about
Tory is now up on the Unions
Wellington website

Instagram*

Thanks



iMessage



From: [Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon](#)
To: [Unions Wellington](#)
Cc: [Councillor Geordie Rogers](#); [Councillor Nikau Wi Neera](#)
Subject: RE: Keep the Airport Our Forum
Date: Friday, 19 April 2024 5:04:24 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Hi **s7(2)(a)**

Thank-you and all of the team from Unions Wellington for hosting the Keep the Airport Ours Forum this week.

It was very important to hear all of those perspectives and but please do encourage people to submit through the LTP process also as we need this voice to come through this process.

I did want to ask of there was any follow up material you could provide on the thinking of the climate perspective for the airport sale as presented by **s7(2)(a)**? That would be appreciated – I did take notes but would be great to get something more concrete to follow up on.

I also wanted to clarify a point that **s7(2)(a)** made regarding Unions stopping the airport sale conversation coming up last triennium, is there any evidence on that?

I checked my email chains and haven't been able to find anything. I also can't recall this being the case. But wanted to check with the facts on this.

Regarding Living Wage - I couldn't see anywhere if Wellington Airport was a Living Wage employer. Do you have any information on that?

I also wanted to thank-you and your team for the respectful conduct of the meeting. It is important that we all practise this in public meetings and lead by example.

As representatives it is most appreciated as we want to speak with our communities but sometimes it can be an unsafe environment out there.



Nga mihi

[Laurie Foon](#) (she/her)

Deputy Mayor | Wellington City Council

Koromatua Tuarua | Kaunihera o Ponēke

Kaikaunihera o Ponēke | Wellington City Councillor | Paekawakawa Southern Ward

M: **s7(2)(f)(ii)** | E laurie.foon@wcc.govt.nz | W [Wellington.govt.nz](https://www.wellington.govt.nz)  



From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:45 PM

To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <laurie.foon@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Keep the Airport Our Forum

Kia ora Laurie,

Following our conversation yesterday, s7(2)(f)(ii) reached out to the council's legal team, who recommended we change our question's wording. Their legal analysis does not align with the advice we have been given. However, we see it as incredibly important that we get councillors along to this event so that you can hear the voices of the climate groups, unionists and general public in attendance, and they can see that you want to hear from them. So, considering this is what councillors have expressed concern with, we are changing the question to what the council's legal team has recommended:

Do you support (in principle and without restricting your obligation to genuinely consider all information presented during the consultation process) retaining Wellington City Council's 34% holding in Wellington International Airport Limited?

We trust that this will elevate any concerns you may have had about your attendance after yesterday's meeting. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday. I am attaching a runsheet.

s7(2)(a)

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From: [Andrea Reeves](#)
To: [Councillor Tim Brown](#)
Subject: RE: 1 in 1,000
Date: Tuesday, 23 April 2024 9:34:32 am

Hi Tim,

We have an insurance roadmap which is a six year programme of work that we are working to. This was agreed by the audit and risk committee in 2022 and there are regular reports on progress to that committee.

It doesn't have a definitive state to 2050 (or any point in time) but it lays the foundation to collect good information to start informing that discussion and decision. I suspect as we work through the work we will also look to revise the roadmap, and I like the idea of having a clear "vision". We are briefing elected members next week on this – perhaps we add this to the mix then.

Andrea

From: Councillor Tim Brown <Tim.Brown@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:31 AM
To: Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: 1 in 1,000

Andrea

I will take a bit of time to digest your points

A somewhat different point. I met a property developer/owner to ask him for his views and support

He said "Council needs a comprehensive plan. Which should be a mixture of better insurance, and higher build standards. So that we know that by 2050 Wellington would be fully equipped to respond/rebuild following the 1 in 1000"

Obviously we do have the EQ strengthening work along with the Fund proposal, but is there an actual plan with such a 2050 vision?

Tim

From: Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 8:26 PM
To: Councillor Tim Brown <Tim.Brown@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: 1 in 1,000

Hi Tim,

A 1-1,000 year event is defined as an event which has a 0.1% chance of occurring in any one year. In the Wellington context this is generally understood to be equivalent to a 7.7M on the Wellington Fault or a 8.5M on the Wairarapa Fault. A 1-1,000 year event for Wellington would be larger than what occurred in Christchurch for example. However, the impact is likely to be mitigated through increased building standard requirements (which are set based on the risks present in the area being built).

While there would no doubt be extensive damage, we think it is particularly misleading to claim the risk was inconsequential and not worth doing something about. It is much more likely that Wellington would be affected in a similar way to what has been seen in Taiwans Hualien earthquake recently. Council also has much greater obligations to be able to continue operation post a major event than private organisations do. Our residents expect that WCC would continue to operate, to provide safe havens and recovery activities and will be required to undergo regulatory functions, including consenting and resource management functions. A level of insurance is required to ensure WCC can meet these expectations.

In the current Insurance Management Strategy (2015), Council adopted the minimum RBNZ standard for insurers to hold earthquake insurance/re-insurance for a 1,000 year return period. Our insurance cover does not currently meet this standard.

There are a number of factors which we consider in using the 1-1,000 year threshold to demonstrate Council's risk.

It is accepted in the scientific community that there is a high chance of a major earthquake event which could impact wellington within the next 50 years.

75% chance of a large alpine fault earthquake in the next 50 years - [Alpine Fault quake risk higher than experts thought | News | Victoria University of Wellington \(wgt.ac.nz\)](#)

25% chance of a large Hikurangi subduction zone event in the next 50 years - [Hikurangi response planning toolbox | East Coast LAB | Hikurangi Subduction Zone M9](#)

10% chance of a large Wellington Fault earthquake in the next 100 years -

[63434527d1210482908375d0_IJO Summary Findings 2013.pdf \(website-files.com\)](#)

The wairarapa fault is not expected to rupture within the next 50 years as it's most recent major quake occurred in 1855, however, it is possible and we know that the Wairarapa fault consistently produces very large quakes - [Repeated giant earthquakes on the Wairarapa fault, New Zealand, revealed by Lidar-based paleoseismology | Scientific Reports \(nature.com\)](#)

While Council may not always insure or intend to insure for a 1-1,000 year event, assessing the potential risk for which Council must plan to this level is prudent.

Regarding the cost of insurance, the most expensive portion of our material damage insurance is the portion just above the deductible (excess). We purchase insurance in layers with each insurer taking a small portion of the total we have requested cover for. The lowest layers are the most expensive as they are the most likely to have a claim. For higher layers to have a claim, the lower layers must first be exhausted. These lower layers are also most likely to be impacted by other types of events. Regardless of the level we assess our risk at, we will still need to purchase these most expensive layers of insurance.

I hope that is of use.

Andrea

From: Councillor Tim Brown <Tim.Brown@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:03 AM

To: Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: 1 in 1,000

Andrea

Would you mind sending me an explanation of what "1 in 1000 years" means

At the Unions Wellington forum last week a number of speakers claimed that 1 in 1000 meant that the risk was inconsequential and not worth doing something about, especially something as evil as selling airport shares.

But given that insurance is costing \$3.33 per \$100 of cover, clearly the market pricing of the risk is somewhat higher than 1 in 1000.

From my own experience at Wellington Airport we tended to think more of 1 in 100, but with an overlay that a "low probability /high cost" event still had to be addressed, even if the probability was low.

I have the whole LTP consultation document, but is it possible to just get only the bit related to the Insurance Fund?

Thanks

Tim

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From: [Councillor Rebecca Matthews](#)
To: [Councillor Teri O'Neill](#)
Subject: Fwd: Follow Up Post Forum
Date: Wednesday, 5 June 2024 11:57:12 am

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From: Councillor Rebecca Matthews <Rebecca.Matthews@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 12:13:19 PM
To: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Follow Up Post Forum

Here's the response I have received.

Ngā mihi
Rebecca

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From: Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 12:07 PM
To: Councillor Rebecca Matthews <Rebecca.Matthews@wcc.govt.nz>; Stephen McArthur <Stephen.McArthur@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Follow Up Post Forum

Hi Rebecca,

The decision around whether or not to progress with the proposed sale of Councils 34% stake in WIAL would need to be made at the 30 May meeting. Council staff will be making any changes to the LTP document post this date (i.e. to reflect all decisions made post consultation and agreed at the 30 May meeting) in order for our final documents to be audited and the document to be adopted by 30 June 2024. We are required to have an LTP in place by 1 July 2024.

If a decision was made to progress with the sale of shares at the 30 May meeting and that was later reversed this would require a significant amount of updates to our underlying information and the LTP itself, including our financial strategy. For example, we would need to consider the impact of such decision on the debt head room we retain in case of an event. This would also need to be audited. This would mean the Council would miss its statutory deadline to adopt the LTP, and the setting of rates for 2024/25.

I hope that helps.

Andrea

From: Councillor Rebecca Matthews <Rebecca.Matthews@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 11:38 AM
To: Stephen McArthur <Stephen.McArthur@wcc.govt.nz>; Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Fwd: Follow Up Post Forum

Kia ora korua

Can I get some advice on this question from Unions Wellington (emails below)

Rebecca

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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:16 AM

To: Councillor Rebecca Matthews <Rebecca.Matthews@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Follow Up Post Forum

Yes please, we would very much appreciate it.

Thanks,

On Mon, Apr 22, 2024 at 7:42 AM Councillor Rebecca Matthews
<Rebecca.Matthews@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

I would want to get staff advice before I gave a definitive answer to that question. Do you want me to go ahead and get that?

Rebecca

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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2024 11:34:49 PM

To: Councillor Rebecca Matthews <Rebecca.Matthews@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Follow Up Post Forum

Thanks, Rebecca.

So just to confirm, after the 30th, is there no way to oppose the disposal of the airport share except opposing the LTP in full?

Cheers, Unions Wellington

On Sun, Apr 21, 2024 at 3:22 PM Councillor Rebecca Matthews
<Rebecca.Matthews@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Oops auto correct randomly adding a word after my name sorry

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From: Councillor Rebecca Matthews <Rebecca.Matthews@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2024 3:20:09 PM
To: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Follow Up Post Forum

Kia ora

The key meeting will be on 30 May. The LTP then goes to audit, so we can make changes when it comes back to final vote end of June.

Process does depend on what the final recommendations are post consultation, assume it will be a simple no vote to a recommendation to sell but as I say I would need to see the final paper which really not be until the week previous.

Let me know any other questions!

Rebecca has

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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2024 11:02:28 AM
To: Councillor Rebecca Matthews <rebecca.matthews@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Follow Up Post Forum

Kia ora Rebecca,

Thanks for coming to our Public Forum, we are really pleased with the turnout and the clear indication from many Councillors that they will not support the sale.

We are contacting you in your capacity as the Chair of the Finance committee as we want to understand precisely the procedural and timing related issues that can see the proposal to stop the Airport sale.

Are you able to provide us with the details of the key votes, any procedural matters that we should be aware of and any suggestions about the approach under Standing Orders that could be taken to stop the sale?

Thanks,
Unions Wellington

From: [Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon](#)
To: s7(2)(f)(ii) [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Keep the Airport Our Forum
Date: Friday, 14 June 2024 12:07:33 pm
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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2024 11:36 AM
To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Keep the Airport Our Forum

Kia ora Laurie,

Apologies for the delay in my response, it's been a very busy week. It was lovely having you and many other councillors at the forum. While we saw it as a key part of the consultation process, we are encouraging people to give us input on what is most concerning to them about the proposal to sell and incorporate that into our submission. We also definitely encourage people to make their own submissions.

I have asked s7(2)(b) [REDACTED] to forward any resources/further reading she thinks would be useful to accompany her speech.

s7(2)(a) [REDACTED] bought up Unions Wellington's 2021 anti-privatisation campaign and the subsequent prevention of the proposal to sell off assets like the airport based on a conversation she had with s7(2)(a) [REDACTED] at the beginning of the forum. Saving the airport then was something s7(2)(a) [REDACTED] credited us with, from her understanding as someone who was a councillor at the time. Essentially, what happened was that Unions Wellington ran a 2019 local body campaign and gave candidates a score based on how they responded to questions and what their public statements/votes had been to date. The score was inclusive of their perspective on various worker concerns, such as public ownership. When the LTP's initial discussions included proposals to sell both the library and the airport, Unions Wellington wrote to councillors they had endorsed who had previously campaigned on retaining public assets and they subsequently voted not to sell. Our ability to take credit for this is somewhat subjective because people, and to be honest, in my experience, this is especially the case for politicians, do not often give credit to what changes their minds, but it is gratifying that s7(2)(a) [REDACTED] sees that campaign as being so effective. Here is a link to Union's Wellington's scorecard [Paekawakawa/Southern Ward scorecard](#) for you in the 2019 election and I attached a copy of the letter from the committee at the time sent to councillors. If you didn't receive this it may be because you did not indicate that you wished to sell assets.

I do not recall the living wage coming up from any of our speakers at the forum. The Airport is not Living Wage accredited. To the best of my knowledge, the cleaners at the airport are not paid a living wage and despite the council's commitment to the living wage, organisations they own (or partially own) do not have to pay the living wage for the council to maintain its accreditation. However, with the two seats the council has on the board as unionists, we would

encourage the council to use its power to push for workers at the airport to get a living wage, given that is something WCC itself clearly feels strongly about (as it is proudly accredited). But again, I don't recall it coming up at the forum; if you remember who you thought brought it up, I can follow up. s7(2)(a) spoke about the impacts of private ownership on public utilities and how that impacts workers. One aspect of this is often pay, but it is certainly not the only goal of the union movement in terms of advocating for good workplaces; plus, the living wage should be a floor, it is not an example of good pay for skilled work. I have asked s7(2)(a) to pass on any additional reading you may find useful to accompany the talking points in his speech.

I am glad that you found the forum to be a respectful environment. We always endeavour to achieve that, so it's great feedback to hear.

If you have further questions do not hesitate to get in touch,

s7(2)(a)

On Fri, Apr 19, 2024 at 5:04 PM Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <laurie.foon@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi s7(2)(a),

Thank-you and all of the team from Unions Wellington for hosting the Keep the Airport Ours Forum this week.

It was very important to hear all of those perspectives and but please do encourage people to submit through the LTP process also as we need this voice to come through this process.

I did want to ask if there was any follow up material you could provide on the thinking of the climate perspective for the airport sale as presented by s7(2)(a)? That would be appreciated – I did take notes but would be great to get something more concrete to follow up on.

I also wanted to clarify a point that s7(2)(a) made regarding Unions stopping the airport sale conversation coming up last triennium, is there any evidence on that?

I checked my email chains and haven't been able to find anything. I also can't recall this being the case. But wanted to check with the facts on this.

Regarding Living Wage - I couldn't see anywhere if Wellington Airport was a Living Wage employer. Do you have any information on that?

I also wanted to thank-you and your team for the respectful conduct of the meeting. It is important that we all practise this in public meetings and lead by example.

As representatives it is most appreciated as we want to speak with our communities but sometimes it can be an unsafe environment out there.

Nga mihi

Laurie Foon (she/her)

Deputy Mayor | Wellington City Council

Koromatua Tuarua | Kaunihera o Ponēke

Kaikaunihera o Ponēke | Wellington City Councillor | Paekawakawa Southern Ward

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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:45 PM

To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <laurie.foon@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Keep the Airport Our Forum

Kia ora Laurie,

Following our conversation yesterday, s7(2)(f)(ii) reached out to the council's legal team, who recommended we change our question's wording. Their legal analysis does not align with the advice we have been given. However, we see it as incredibly important that we get councillors along to this event so that you can hear the voices of the climate groups, unionists and general public in attendance, and they can see that you want to hear from them. So, considering this is what councillors have expressed concern with, we are changing the question to what the council's legal team has recommended:

Do you support (in principle and without restricting your obligation to genuinely consider all information presented during the consultation process) retaining Wellington City Council's 34% holding in Wellington International Airport Limited?

We trust that this will elevate any concerns you may have had about your attendance after yesterday's meeting. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday. I am attaching a runsheet.

s7(2)(a)

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Unions Wellington Local Government statement February 2021

Unions Wellington wishes to express its support for councilors voting to protect public assets such as the library. We are not concerned with 'dysfunction' in council driven by political differences, but we are very concerned by last minute maneuvering by council staff and the Mayor against the previously expressed wishes of the full council against asset sales.

Background

Unions Wellington is the Wellington regional body for the Council of Trade Unions. The trade union movement is the largest set of civil society organisations in Aotearoa, representing tens of thousands of workers in the Wellington region. As the body representing the working people of Wellington, we take a proactive interest in all matters that affect those working people.

In the last election Unions Wellington surveyed all candidates on their attitudes to a number of issues including housing, living wages, public services and sale of public assets. To achieve Union endorsement candidates had to display a commitment to progressive values, and this included a commitment against supporting the sale of public assets.

Candidates who were endorsed were then circulated to union members and supporters through a range of mediums, including but not limited to; social and traditional media, through union structures, leaflet drops, door knocking, text messaging and our email lists. While this campaign was modest, it was meaningful and the results showed that across the region, Unions Wellington endorsed candidates were 16% more likely to be elected than those who failed to achieve our endorsement. On WCC, 8 councillors (Green, Labour and Independent) were elected with Union endorsement.

The Library/Asset Sales

It is a concern to Unions Wellington to see union endorsed councillors voting to allow council staff to explore options for privatising space in the central library (amongst other austerity measures) at the recent council meeting.

Unions Wellington has given those councilors an opportunity to provide their reasoning for their votes. While we appreciate their prompt response, we cannot agree with their reasoning for their votes.

We do not accept that voting to explore these options is compatible with a commitment against privatisation. Counsellors are elected to provide direction to council officers. It is on councilors to set the parameters for acceptable options going forward. Allowing council officers to explore these options sets in motion forces that can prove difficult to pull back from later. If you do not support asset sales, take them off the table. Period.

While we understand and are sympathetic to the financial difficulties faced by council, we do not accept that these are so insurmountable to necessitate asset sales. Privatisation of public space can only be seen as an option if all other avenues are totally exhausted. We do not believe that council has exhausted all options (such as debt ceilings, limiting executive level pay etc).

Unions Wellington implores all endorsed councilors to return to their prior commitments to clearly stand against the privatisation of public assets.

‘Dysfunction’

Unions Wellington would also like to comment on the alleged dysfunction of the current council. Some degree of conflict and frustration is inevitable in representative political institutions such as local government. In the case of WCC this is especially the case given the divergent political positions of the council majority and the mayor.

This is to be expected.

The people of Wellington do not elect candidates so they can enjoy each others company at the council table. The people of Wellington elect candidates to represent them in decisions that will affect the cities future. It is Unions Wellington's expectation that candidates we support continue to advocate for the people who put them there.

Given the experience and competence of those at the council table, and the Mayor (including candidates who did not receive our endorsement), Unions Wellington does not see any issue facing council as insurmountable. Numerous issues appear to have been able to progress- including the central library. This progress will not be possible however, if the mayor and council staff wish to continue to relitigate issues previously decided by council (like library privatisation), or to try to force progressive councillors to abandon their commitments.

Independent Review

Given the difficult financial pressures facing council, Unions Wellington is not convinced that a public funded review of the council is the best use of public money. If a review is necessary, we would note that in 20 months time there will be an opportunity for a comprehensive review of the

council. The 2022 local elections gives every Wellingtonian an opportunity to pass their judgement on the record of the current council, and if they are unsatisfied with the direction, gives them an opportunity to seek new representation.

It is our view that councilors and the mayor should focus on putting together a body of work that can maintain the confidence of working people in Wellington.

Candidates that wish to win Union endorsement should keep in mind that a track record of being a reliable progressive representative is important. Failure to be a consistent opponent of privatisation (in libraries, or regarding water metering), will make it hard to be seen as a candidate worthy of union support.

s7(2)(a), Unions Wellington Co-Convenor s7(2)(a)
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From: [Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon](#)
To: [Eleanore Metuariki](#)
Subject: FW: UNIONS Speech Resources Follow Up
Date: Friday, 14 June 2024 12:07:21 pm

From: Climate Clinic <vuwclimateclinic@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2024 4:20 PM
To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: UNIONS Speech Resources Follow Up

Kia ora Laurie,

Lovely to meet you the other week! I hope all is well with you.

s7(2)(a) from Unions Wellington passed on your contact details regarding your interest in wanting to see the resources from my speech. I have linked/attached them below. Most of the speech was connecting dots between the sources so I have attached explanations as well.

For the economic analysis I used the resources Unions Wellington developed, specifically s7(2)(a) who spoke on the night.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

s7(2)

Council's climate goals: <https://wellington.govt.nz/climate-change-sustainability-environment/climate-change/what-were-doing-about-climate-change#:~:text=Our%20plan%20seeks%20to%20achieve,the%20impacts%20of%20climate%20change.>

Airport's climate related disclosures

(2023): https://www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/documents/4131/Wellington_Airport_Climate_Related_Disclosures_2023_bgm6j2J.pdf

Media on harms of airport expansion - you'll probably remember this was a big proposal a few years ago: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/435831/wellington-airport-s-expansion-plans-at-odds-with-city-s-zero-emissions-plan-environmental-group-says>

Interesting read on state/public ownership and climate

mitigation: https://heinonline.org/HOL/Page?handle=hein.journals/cclr2017&div=45&g_sent=1&casa_token=puhlsSxCiR4AAAAA:Kju05iVAVp51Mf8gw94IL_qWz0nydOAEviJKel_jzRYxiZsW15h4e4SzLDUXEtcCZY-LVBBO6Q&collection=journals

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From: Unions Wellington
To: s7(2)(f)(ii)
Subject: Re: Question at public forum - Airport Shares
Date: Tuesday, 30 April 2024 11:08:29 am
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Thanks s7(2)(f)(ii).

On Tue, Apr 30, 2024 at 10:36 AM s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Let's lock that in – s7(2)(f)(ii) from Andrea Reeves' office will circulate an invitation shortly.

Thanks

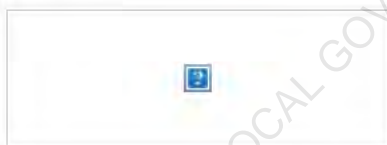
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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 2:50 PM

To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Cc: s7(2)(a)@nzctu.org.nz; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; Andrea Reeves
<Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Question at public forum - Airport Shares

Kia ora s7(2)(f)(ii).

Appreciate your patience with this, s7(2)(a) and I are available on Thursday 2nd of May 9-10am.

s7(2)(a)

On Mon, Apr 29, 2024 at 9:42 AM s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Just chasing this one up.

Thanks

s7(2)(f)(ii)

From: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 12:37 PM

To: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Cc: s7(2)(a)@nzctu.org.nz; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Question at public forum - Airport Shares

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Times below that we can make – ideally, we’d do an hour but can do 45 minutes if everyone is stretched for time.

Preferred options:

Wed 1 May between 1.30-4pm

Thu 2 May 1-2.30pm, or 3-4pm

Alternatives:

Thu 2 May 9-10am

Fri 3 May 9-10.30am

As you can appreciate – we aren’t proposing airport share sales in a vacuum – so finding a legitimate alternative to mitigating huge insurance risk is important if we are going to steer away from this proposal (if consultation comes back opposed).

Thanks, and let me know if any of these times and dates work for you both.

s7(2)(f)(ii)

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 4:49 PM
To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: s7(2)(a)@nzctu.org.nz; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Question at public forum - Airport Shares

Kia ora s7(2)(f)(ii),

I'm very much looking forward to catching up.

Just to clarify, s7(2)(a) won't be able to provide a fully formed solution at this meeting. He aims to contribute to the process of shaping and guiding the councils towards a solution that doesn't involve selling off public assets, but due to not being employed or contracted by the council, his capacity is, of course, limited.

I've just been in contact with s7(2)(a), and next week would suit him better due to Anzac Day on Thursday. Please send through three times that would suit you, and we'll wrangle a time.

Cheers, s7(2)(a)

On Thu, Apr 18, 2024 at 2:48 PM s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora korua

Just chasing up a time and day to sit down with Andrea, myself, s7(2)(f)(ii), s7(2)(a) and yourself to go through all the documentation we will provide and try and work out a solution for insurance risk if we end up not selling the airport shares.

Does a time at the tail end of next week work for you both?

Thanks and let me know.

Ngā mihi nui

s7(2)(f)(ii)

From: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:42 PM
To: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>; s7(2)(a)@nzctu.org.nz
Subject: RE: Question at public forum - Airport Shares

Okay, thanks for clarifying. I am used to greens language/kaupapa where metaphors that invoke violence are avoided so perhaps that is why I was shocked to read that!

We are just finalising a statement from Tory now so will get that to you shortly.

s7(2)(a), let us know when works for you for the catch-up outlined below.

Thanks

s7(2)(f)(ii)

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:18 PM

To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(a)@nzctu.org.nz

Subject: Re: Question at public forum - Airport Shares

Hi s7(2)(f)(ii),

"Pinning" is merely community organizing slang for asking candidates yes or no questions. This merely involves ensuring that it is a yes or no (pinning them to an answer). Many current and former councillors have been trained in community organising, such as Tamatha Paul, Rebecca Matthews, and Teri O'Neill, who will be able to illuminate you on the reality of this strategy.

It didn't occur to us that it would be read as intimidating by those unfamiliar with the term, but we can change it to "asking the question" in the runsheet.

If the mayor won't attend, will you provide us with a statement we can read on her behalf? We will also undoubtedly be asked about her absence, so it'd be good to cover all bases.

I am happy to work around s7(2)(a), Andrea and your schedules. I have included s7(2)(a) in this email so he can advise on his availability.

s7(2)(a)

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 1:09 PM s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

I am CCing our CFO who you met yesterday Andrea Reeves who can work with her team to pull together as much information you've requested as is possible.

If submissions come back saying don't sell the airport shares, and subsequently if Councillors decide not to proceed, it remains critically important for the wellbeing of the city that we have another concrete way forward for our insurance problem. With that in mind I am keen to work with Unions Wellington and s7(2)(a) to see if there's any other solution we haven't stumbled across yet.

Andrea, RE s7(2)(a)'s email below, could you please possibly provide the parts that have been requested,

highlighted below

Regarding the revised question at the forum to enable good debate without predetermination, that has been provided to you to work through with Councillors that are down to attend. The revised question means they can debate fully without risk of judicial review.

Tory is still going to decline going to this meeting, and I have to say unfortunately even with your commitment for a safe environment to discuss, I found this agenda item framed up in a way that is disconcerting and not quite in line with what you've outlined below.

7 pm

Pinning Councillors/Mayor down – s7(2)(a)

*Each will stand up and be asked the question. Then, be given a strictly 3 min speech in response

Finally, when works for you / s7(2)(a) to sit down with Andrea and I to go over detail and work through what could be an alternative solution? If we are able to get this information to you by the end of this week would the end of this week work for you and s7(2)(a)?

Let me know.

Thanks heaps

s7(2)(f)(ii)

Ngā mihi

s7(2)(f)(ii) (She/Her)

Kaihautū Chief of Staff

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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:53 PM

To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Question at public forum - Airport Shares

Kia ora s7(2)(f)(ii),

We appreciate your promptly following up with your legal team after our discussion yesterday.

Pre-Determination issue

Your legal team's statements do not align with the advice we have received, and we do have some concerns about the democratic implications of the legal opinion given, which we would be happy to discuss further in the future.

However, we are not interested in insisting on a particular question structure if it prevents the Mayor from feeling comfortable attending our event, so we are altering the question to what your legal team has recommended.

Attending Public Forum

Yesterday at the meeting, you made it clear that from your perspective, no one said that simply attending the forum could constitute pre-determining her vote. As we have now changed the question to the council's recommendation, we do not think there is any reason why Tory cannot attend the event.

Tory did express that she was concerned there would be negativity towards her at the event. At public forums like the one we are hosting tomorrow, we are very clear with attendees that abusive behaviour towards anyone will not be tolerated. I will be co-chairing the event alongside s7(2)(a), the secretary of NZCTU and part of our role will be moderating the behaviour of the room. Attendees will be told explicitly to be respectful towards candidates; no boos or anything at all that is remotely negative will be tolerated.

Furthermore, a huge part of this event is that it is an opportunity for our councillors to hear from the public during consultation. We would be disappointed if the Mayor and other councillors did not prioritise hearing from their constituency during the consultation period, particularly now that we have removed your concern that answering our question could be seen as pre-determination. We have invited and had invitations accepted by councillors across the political spectrum. We feel that the unionists and environmental groups attending most likely agree politically with Tory and would like to be able to share their perspectives with her as part of the consultation.

Please let us know whether Tory will be joining us as soon as possible. It is very important that

she is able to speak to her voters and hear their concerns.

Working with s7(2)(a)/Unions Wellington Going Forward

We appreciate your commitment yesterday to meeting with us again before the submissions close on May 12th. I know s7(2)(a) will also look forward to future discussions around alternatives to the consultation document's proposed alternatives.

We do recognise that you are looking for alternatives rather than critiques, and we are working to provide these as best possible. However, I am sure you must understand that we are working with much less information than you can access in your positions. So, from where we are currently, it is impossible to come up with alternative proposals that are more than abstract. We are happy that you are going to provide us with all the information you can publicly share in terms of:

- All financial advice relevant to the topic of selling the airport shares
- All financial advice related to the airport generally
- All advice related to insurance
- All Financial advice related to the insurance gap
- All financial costings for the managed fund
- Anything else related to the airport or potentially relevant to the airport

I do want to be clear that while we want to work with you to find a solution, we do not believe what is proposed is a solution. We cannot run our campaign without critiquing the proposal if we also do not have commitments from councillors to vote against the sale of the airport, as that would undermine a core point of what we are trying to achieve, which is organising the public who are opposed to the airport sale to participate in the submission process and have their voice heard. If we could have public commitments that the sale wasn't going ahead, then the need to showcase the opposition would become less necessary, and we could all focus on a new way forward. I'm sure you understand it's not critique for the sake of it and never has been.

I have attached a run sheet for tomorrow's event. We hope that Tory will reconsider her attendance.

s7(2)(a)

On Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 9:18 AM s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Thank you to you and your team for meeting with us yesterday.

As discussed yesterday, we have asked for legal advice regarding whether the question being put at the upcoming forum was predetermining consultation.

The questions being: *Do you commit, without restricting your ability to genuinely consider all information put to you in the consultation process, to voting against any council resolution that would result in Wellington City Council disposing of their 34 percent holding in Wellington International Airport Limited ?*

See below that advice from our legal team and a suggested replacement question.

Hi s7(2)(f)(ii)

I am strongly of the view that this question is not answered in this forum. The question requires a commitment to vote in a certain way. While the question does recognise the ability of Councillors to consider all information during the consultation process, it is only recognised as an ability and does not clearly reflect the legal obligation on Councillors – which is the statutory obligation to receive views with an open mind. Given that it is currently the beginning of a month-long consultation process, my unequivocal advice is that answering this question may give rise to concerns of bias and predetermination and possible invalidation of the decision should it be subject to a judicial review.

Councillors are entitled to hold strongly held views about issues. However Councillors should not commit to a particular outcome prior to the decision and should be able to demonstrate that they are open to alternatives, after listening to consultation and debate.

Further information on predetermination (issued by the OAG) can be found here (from para 3.32: [Managing conflicts of interest: A guide for the public sector \(oag.parliament.nz\)](#))

An acceptable question that could be asked of Councillors would be:

Do you support (in principle and without restricting your obligation to genuinely consider all information put to you during the consultation process), retaining Wellington City Council's 34 percent holding in Wellington International Airport Limited ?

Thanks very much

s7(2)(f)(ii)

Ngā mihi

s7(2)(f)(ii) (She/Her)

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From: [Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon](#)
To: [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)
Subject: FW: Airport Questions after Unions Wellington meeting
Date: Friday, 14 June 2024 12:13:38 pm
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From: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 5:40 PM
To: Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Airport Questions after Unions Wellington meeting

Sounds great, thank you!

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From: Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 5:38:43 PM
To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Airport Questions after Unions Wellington meeting

Great. I will start working on that Q and A – it is a bit of a balancing act as I don't want to introduce something new during the consultation phase, but could be useful in deliberations.

Andrea

From: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 4:52 PM
To: Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Airport Questions after Unions Wellington meeting

Hi Andrea,

Many thanks for this answer. I know it, but you need to check yourself every time it gets asked differently.

Yes please Q and A that we can put online would be helpful.

I have been asking [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) and [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) about what is better from an emissions reduction perspective as well.

I would like it if we could include some pros and cons that flesh this out as well.

One of the presenters at the Union's Wellington meeting said we could be taken to court for not fulfilling our Zero Carbon strategy if we sell the airport???

I thought Joel Mac Mannus [article](#) has another interesting perspective.

Thanks, Andrea

From: Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: 01 May 2024 14:27
To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) <[s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Airport Questions after Unions Wellington meeting

Hi Laurie,

We do not have the ability to instruct our Board members. Those appointed to the Board are required to act within the Companies Act and that requires a Director to act in the best interests of the Company. Therefore, they must in receiving the information as a Board member consider the interests of the company, not the interests of the City/Council.

131 Duty of directors to act in good faith and in best interests of company

- (1) Subject to this section, a director of a company, when exercising powers or performing duties, must act in good faith and in what the director believes to be the best interests of the company.

I do not believe we can exert more influence over the airport company than a CCO. Under the Local Government Act there are a number of provisions which enable the Council to set expectations (through a Statement of Expectations and Statement of Intent process). There is no similar requirement for an entity under the Companies Act, particularly when the shareholding is a minority one.

I hope that is useful. I was also thinking of pulling together some key facts for Councillors on some of these matters as there is a lot of questions being asked – would that be useful?

Andrea

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Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 4:25 PM
To: Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: §7(2)(f)(ii) <§7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Airport Questions after Unions Wellington meeting

Hi Andrea,

Many thanks and this has been helpful.
I am still getting a few emails so please bear with me on the questions.

Do we have the ability to instruct our board members ?
I know we have never done this with the other board member on WIAL board.

As Per below a question I would appreciate some help with if you could.

How does the council instruct its representatives on the airport board please and is this true that the council could exert more influence since it isn't a CCO?

Many thanks

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Cc: §7(2)(f)(ii) <§7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Airport Questions after Unions Wellington meeting

Hi Laurie,

Apologies I haven't been able to prepare a more fulsome response. However, I have included some points below.

I am planning on pulling together some other facts for all Councillors in case this is of use.

Please feel free to give me a call if you would like to discuss or are seeking clarity.

Andrea

From: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>
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Subject: Airport Questions after Unions Wellington meeting

Hi Andrea,

(I am happy to have a quick chat before tomorrow night if that is easier- but yellow highlights are the most important ones I need to have for tomorrow night)

I've got a few more questions after the Unions Meeting- particularly from §7(2)(a) . Please could you help shed some light on them?
I have a political meeting regarding this tomorrow night (with the Greens) so if possible it would be helpful to have some answers before then.

s7(2)(f)(i)

I'd also like WCC to have a climate change challenges / opportunities on this proposed transition.
I think it would be useful if we could have something like that available publicly. s7(2)(f)(i) was going to look into this.
But it is important to know that [Unions Wellington is using a better for climate / emissions reduction](#) as an argument also.

Many thanks

Nga mihi

[Laurie Foon](#) (she/her)

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Cc: s7(2)(f)(ii) ; [Andrea Reeves](#)
Subject: WCC insurance reports
Date: Monday, 6 May 2024 9:23:00 am
Attachments: [WCC Balance Sheet Review Phase 3 FINAL 1.03.24.pdf](#)
[April 2024 - Mind the gap briefing.pdf](#)
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Kia ora s7(2)(a) and s7(2)(a)

Thanks for the meeting last Thursday. Please find attached the two reports mentioned by Andrea Reeves.

- Phase three of KPMG's Balance Sheet Review that was shared with Councilors last year
- The Insurance Roadmap Briefing that was given to Councilors on 30 April

The video of the Insurance Roadmap briefing is here if you'd like to review the Q&A: [Briefing: Insurance Roadmap \(youtube.com\)](#)

Let us know if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi,

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Wellington City Council

Balance Sheet Review Phase Three

March 2024



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Scope – Phase three

Prepare an Options Analysis report for WCC in relation to the sale of its 34% shareholding in Wellington International Airport Ltd ("WIAL"), covering the following three options:

- 1) Retain the current shareholding; or
- 2) Full sale of the shares; or
- 3) Partial sale of the shares.

The Options Analysis report will reference the requirements of the Local Government Act, in particular the clauses relating to policies of significance and the content of consultation documents. It is expected to be a concise document which will include the following:

- A comparison of the respective pros and cons of each option, assessed in accordance with a criteria agreed with WCC which will include risk mitigation implications (earthquake, climate events etc).
- Historical and forecast dividend returns from the WIAL shareholding, along with the associated costs of ownership.
- Comparison of the above dividend returns to the potential returns arising from a Perpetual Investment Fund based on historical returns from similar funds (noting the inherent volatility of such returns).
- A brief summary of the current position in relation to Ground Leases, noting that there is no requirement to consult the public.
- Potential next steps, process and timeline for the sale of shares and formation of a Perpetual Investment Fund.



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1 March 2024

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Dear Barbara and Andrea,

Balance Sheet Review – Phase Three FINAL

Thank you for the opportunity to support the Wellington City Council (the “Council” or “WCC”) as it considers options to address its balance sheet constraints.

Our work has been performed in line with the scope of our All of Government Consultancy Services Order (CSO) dated 27 January 2023 and CSO variation dated 21 November 2023, and is based on information provided by the Council or collected from publicly available sources.

Our work has focused on further exploring the capital recycling options identified in Phase Two Part A of our work.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Alton Pollard
Director

Stephanie Ward
Partner



Executive Summary

Adverse financial market forces, increasing balance sheet needs, and an increasingly challenging insurance environment have decreased WCC's balance sheet resilience. The Council is seeking to build balance sheet resilience and enhance risk management through diversification of its investment assets. To achieve these aspirations, the Council is consulting on the establishment of a Perpetual Investment Fund (PIF) using funds from the sale of the Council's minority shareholding in Wellington International Airport Limited (WIAL). WCC also intends to apply the proceeds of selected ground lease disposals to the PIF when such opportunities arise.



The Council is facing a myriad of challenges as it looks to plan for the future. Action is required to ensure long-term financial resilience.



Rates increased 12.3% in the 2023/24 Annual Plan



Many assets cannot be fully insured and WCC is exposed to significant losses in the event of a natural disaster



The Council expects to pay close to 50% more in finance costs in 2023/24 than in the previous year



Wellington City's population is forecast to grow 26% between 2021 – 2054¹ and prudent financial planning is required to accommodate this expected growth

What is the Council proposing?

The Council is proposing to sell its 34% shareholding in WIAL and the sale of selected ground leases and recycling capital into a PIF. Establishing a PIF will diversify the Council's investment portfolio by asset type and location, alleviate some financial burden, and reduce the its exposure in the event of a major natural disaster.

Establish a PIF with proceeds from the sale of WCC's 34% minority shareholding in WIAL and the sale of selected ground leases

Establishing a PIF would help to mitigate some of WCC's challenges. Key PIF benefits:



Reduces geographic concentration of WCC's assets. Many of the Council's investment portfolio assets are infrastructure assets in the Wellington region. This means that assets are exposed to the same risk in the instance of a disaster event. Recent weather events across New Zealand and the release of the new National Seismic Hazard model have highlighted the significance of this risk.



Enhances asset liquidity. A PIF would ensure that the Council has the ability to liquidate some of its investment assets should the Council need to mitigate any losses arising from natural disasters or assist in recovery efforts at short notice.




Generates diversified returns and revenue streams. The WIAL shareholding provides variable financial returns from a single asset, however, a PIF allows access to a wide range of investments that can be aligned with favourable ESG outcomes and potentially generate more resilient revenue streams for WCC.




Allows flexibility in managing insurance challenges. Diversifying capital from WIAL and ground leases into a PIF affords the Council flexibility to consider options for managing the challenge of securing insurance for its investment portfolio which is concentrated in the Wellington region.

How can WCC increase balance sheet resilience?


WCC's asset base is exposed to great risk due to Wellington's geographic and seismic profile. Assets and projects currently underway face unsatisfactory insurance coverage.



The insurance market is reducing its exposure to Wellington, making it more difficult and expensive to obtain insurance.



Building and infrastructure revaluations have increased the cost to replace assets, causing premiums to increase.

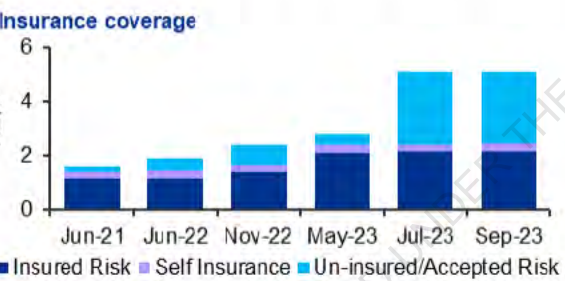


The release of the new National Seismic Hazard Model has further increased the Probable Maximum Loss from a major event.



Recent weather events in NZ have highlighted the impact climate issues can have on NZ cities and residents, increasing premiums paid.

All of these challenges in the insurance market have led to WCC assuming a greater level of accepted and uninsured risk, as shown below.



A review of the Council's balance sheet found that the Council's investment portfolio is concentrated around infrastructure and property assets in the Wellington region. The investment portfolio effectively has two main assets (WIAL shares and ground leases), and is highly exposed to disruptive events such as the COVID-19 pandemic or natural disasters. When such events occur, WCC is unable to quickly liquidate assets to provide remediation or relief.



- WCC's investment portfolio lacks liquidity and geographic diversity.**
- In order to increase balance sheet resilience, the Council is looking to introduce assets into its investment portfolio that:
- Reduce **geographic concentration** meaning not all assets are subject to the same disaster risks and returns are decoupled from the performance of Wellington CBD;
 - Increase **liquidity**;
 - Reflect the Council's **risk tolerance**;
 - Better achieve **ESG objectives** set by the Council;
 - Introduce **new revenue sources**; and
 - Improve **intergenerational wellbeing** through the building of investment wealth and reduced reliance on future borrowing or rates increases.


What does it mean to apply an ESG lens when investing?

Applying an ESG lens means taking environmental, social, and governance factors into account when making investment decisions. There are a range of ESG investing approaches as outlined in [Appendix 1](#).

The Council's preferred option to diversify its investment portfolio is through the establishment of a **Perpetual Investment Fund (PIF)** with an **ESG lens**. A PIF would diversify the Council's asset base and could provide the opportunity for liquidity in the instance of a significant natural disaster (albeit only as a last resort). Councils across Aotearoa have successfully established PIFs to diversify investments. See [Appendix 3](#) for some examples.

What is a PIF?

A Perpetual Investment Fund (PIF) is an investment fund that is intended to continue forever. When there is no fixed investment horizon, investments are able to be less time-bound and more objective-focused.



Noting the myriad of balance sheet constraints already facing the Council, the only feasible way to capitalise a PIF at this time is by recycling capital currently invested in other investment assets (namely WIAL and ground leases).

In order to capitalise a PIF, the Council proposes selling its 34% stake in Wellington International Airport Limited (WIAL).

Council Objective*	WIAL	PIF
Generates financial returns for the Council	✓	✓
Reduces geographic concentration of investments	✗	✓
Enhances liquidity of investment portfolio	✗	✓
Reflects the Council's risk tolerance	✗	✓
Targets ESG objectives set by the Council	✗	✓
Improves intergenerational wellbeing	✗	✓

*Objectives are considered in the context of the Council's entire investment portfolio and not on a standalone basis.

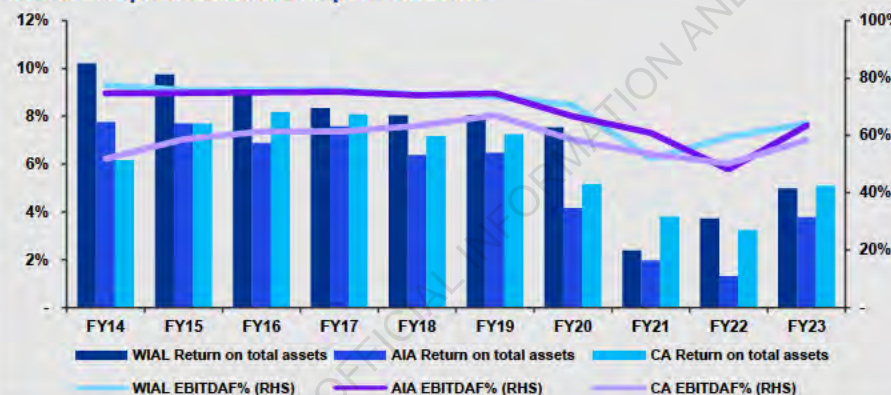
Why WIAL and the ground lease portfolio?

The Council's current investment portfolio lacks diversity as it is largely linked to infrastructure and property in the Wellington region. The sale, or partial sale, of WCC's investment in WIAL and selected ground leases present an opportunity to generate significant cash proceeds that could be recycled to achieve diversification, strategic alignment and potentially greater returns for ratepayers.

The Council's investment portfolio lacks diversity

- 93% of WCC's investment assets are tied up in WIAL and ground leases².
- These assets are concentrated by asset type, liquidity and geography.
- Opportunities exist for diversification of WCC's investments to protect the Council's investment revenues in the case of an unforeseen event.

WIAL comparative financial performance¹

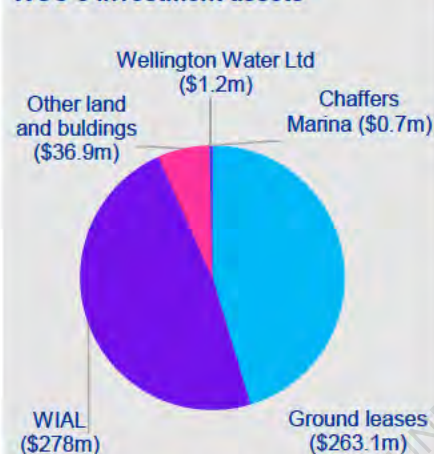


EBITDAF⁴ performance

The chart to the left shows annual return on total assets and EBITDAF% on revenue, calculated as EBITDAF divided by revenue, for Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch airports.

WIAL has generated relatively stable returns across most of the ten year period, however in FY21 was heavily affected by the impact of COVID-19 on tourism and international travel.

WCC's investment assets³



Ground lease portfolio return on land value



\$500m

Book value of WCC's WIAL shareholding was \$278m at 30 June 2023, however, market value could be higher. Recent WIAL broker reports suggest WCC's 34% shareholding could have a market value of around \$500m (approximate midpoint).



The Council continues to monitor ground leases in the portfolio identified as opportunities to recycle capital. Specific leases have been identified due to the timing of their lease cycles and the ability to negotiate favourable terms with parties interested in the leases.

¹ Wellington International Airport (WIAL), Auckland International Airport (AIA), and Christchurch Airport (CA) Annual Reports.

² Value proportions based on book value per WCC Annual Report for FY23.

³ Wellington City Council Annual Report 2022-2023.

Establishment of a Perpetual Investment Fund (PIF)

Why a PIF?

Recycling capital into a PIF will improve balance sheet resilience and risk management. A PIF would also allow for greater control over investment strategy whilst generating regular returns to the Council.



In establishing a PIF, the Council will select an investment fund manager to administer the portfolio and oversee the investment strategy. This strategy may include the following considerations.



Geographic diversification

A PIF diversifies a significant amount of the Council's asset base out of the Wellington region.



Liquidity

A PIF increases the liquidity of the Council's investment portfolio.



Intergenerational wellbeing

A PIF can build investment wealth and reduce reliance on future borrowing.



Risk tolerance

A PIF allows for the Council to invest in line with its risk appetite.



New revenue streams

A PIF may introduce new revenue streams such as dividend or interest income to offset rates.



ESG objectives

The Council can instruct its fund manager to target ESG investments.

How would a fund manager oversee a PIF to achieve the Council's goals?

- 1 A professional investment fund manager would likely be appointed to manage the fund. A fund manager would work with the Council to implement a Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO) and the agreed upon Strategic Asset Allocation included in the SIPO.
- 2 A SIPO sets out the investment governance and management framework, philosophy, strategies and objectives of a managed investment fund or portfolio. The fund manager would determine appropriate asset allocations to ensure that liquidity and diversification benefits are realised in accordance with the SIPO. Governance provisions would be established to ensure the objectives of the PIF are substantiated and endure through future Councils.
- 3 The SIPO would also outline the formula used for payments to Council. Payment protocols would be structured on a sustainable basis, which over the long term allows the real capital of the PIF to be maintained for successive generations. A SIPO helps to maintain transparency in the investment process for all stakeholders.

The previous Council decided against consulting on the sale of WIAL shares in the development of the 2021 LTP. The deterioration of the Council's insurance position and lack of diversification necessitates reconsidering the composition of WCC's investment assets.



Why is WIAL no longer aligned with WCC's investment objectives?



Influence

- Due to the nature of the minority holding, WCC's influence over decisions making at WIAL is limited.



WIAL's Capital Expenditure Plan

- Additional capital contribution may be required for airport Capex, which has been deferred during the COVID-19 pandemic. If WIAL requires additional equity for its capital program, WCC will likely either need to inject capital or incur a dilution in ownership.



Dividends

- WIAL dividends have resumed in FY23; however, for the two years prior, WIAL did not pay dividends. As the WIAL dividend is usually one of WCC's income sources, WCC was required to draw additional debt totalling c.\$50m in order to compensate for the missing income, to avoid increasing rates. It is possible that returns from WIAL may continue to be volatile due to WIAL's proposed capital expenditure program. WIAL has delivered a \$20.4m dividend in FY23, which when compared to FY23 book value would be a 6.7% cash return.

The Council's shareholding in WIAL has historically provided variable dividends and capital appreciation, however recycling capital into a PIF is economically prudent given the circumstances the Council is facing.

What is the Council proposing?

WCC's financial constraints have been a key consideration during recent Council meetings and throughout the development of the 2024-34 LTP. The Council is proposing that a PIF be established using capital currently invested in WIAL. This will improve risk management and mitigate some of the Council's financial constraints.

While there is no silver bullet that will solve all of the challenges the Council is currently encountering, the establishment of a PIF will enable investment asset diversification which is likely to enable greater flexibility and stability in the instance of a disaster, such as a significant seismic event.

The perpetual nature of the fund would be designed to protect the investment for future generations, building intergenerational wealth. This aligns with the Council's vision of "Pōneke, where people and nature thrive", and enhances Wellingtonians' current and future prosperity.

A full share sale is proposed by the Council to enable maximum diversification of investment assets. The other options being consulted on through this process are a partial sale of the airport shares and the full retention of the WIAL shareholding. No one option completely meets every requirement, and there are pros and cons to each option.

WCC's Objectives

The Council considers that diversifying its investment portfolio by establishing a PIF will help it meet a range of objectives including:

- Diversification of investment risk by geographic location, asset type and liquidity.
- Alignment with the Council's long-term strategic vision.
- Enhance the Council's ability to manage risk.
- Compliance with the Council's prudent stewardship obligations under the Local Government Act 2002.

Options to be considered	Diversifies investment risk	Aligns with strategy and governance	Enables greater risk management	Impact on rates	Impact on Council debt	Impact on Council Levels of service	Capital released for reinvestment into a PIF	Value of retained ownership
Option A Sell WIAL shares and establish a PIF	YES	YES	YES	NO IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NO IMPACT	YES	NO VALUE
Option B Partial sale of WIAL shares and establish a PIF	YES	YES	YES	NO IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NO IMPACT	YES	~\$250m ^{1,2}
Option C Retain WIAL Shareholding	NO	NO	NO	NO IMPACT	NO IMPACT <i>however, borrowing may increase if dividends are not paid due to unforeseen events</i>	NO IMPACT	NO	NO CHANGE <i>retain 34% shareholding</i>

¹Midpoint value of analysed broker reports
²Under the assumption that half (17%) of the Council's shareholding is sold

Option A – Sell WIAL shares and establish a PIF



AT 100% SALE: \$500m¹ RAISED — \$8M¹ SALE COSTS = \$492M PROCEEDS TO BE INVESTED

Should the Council sell its 34% stake in WIAL?

Under Option A, the Council would look to sell its 34% shareholding in WIAL and use the proceeds from the sale to invest in a PIF.

The sale of the entire shareholding would unlock significant capital to reinvest in a way that is aligned with the Council's long-term vision while enabling greater risk management. Subsequent investment of WIAL proceeds into a PIF would support the Council in achieving its long-term growth ambitions.

This option would diversify WCC's geographic risk exposure which is currently concentrated in the Wellington region. A PIF offers WCC the ability to invest a part of the recycled capital in assets in new markets.

In the event of a natural disaster in Wellington, the Council might lose revenue from the majority of its investment assets. Recycling the capital invested in WIAL into a PIF will improve risk management by moving some capital away from a hazard-prone area, whilst also establishing a more diversified asset base. In the event of a disaster, the Council could access a portion of the PIF to fund a response at short notice.

Sell entire WIAL shareholding and establish PIF

Capital accumulated in the PIF would be 'ring-fenced', meaning the funds are designated for the PIF and cannot be used for any other reason (i.e. to pay down debt). Investment returns generated by the PIF would look to exceed the return of the Council's current investment portfolio.

While the receipt of WIAL dividends will cease under this scenario, the Council would be relieved of any potential future need to contribute capital or face a share dilution in response to WIAL's planned growth programme. The Council would also forgo any future increases in WIAL's value as the outlook for international travel improves.

It is also worth noting that the forecast WIAL dividends are higher than those received historically and may be subject to variability due to factors such as tourist demand and capital expenditure requirements.

For modelling purposes, we have assumed that WIAL could generate around \$500 million; however, this would need to be tested in market. For modelling purposes it is assumed that returns generated through a PIF will be 7% per annum based on comparable investment fund's historical returns.

WCC's favours this option

Selling the Council's 34% shareholding in WIAL and using the proceeds to establish a PIF is the preferred option as it:

- ✓ Diversifies the Council's investments in multiple ways, including; geographically and by asset class
- ✓ Raises significant capital to invest in a PIF
- ✓ Makes the investment portfolio relatively more liquid
- ✓ Is better aligned with Council strategy than retention
- ✓ Reduces risk exposure in the event of a hazard and allows the Council to improve risk budgeting
- ✓ May mitigate the need for significant rates rises in the longer term
- ✓ Can be drawn upon should a natural disaster occur

2024 – 2034 LTP years	FY24/25	FY25/26	FY26/27	FY27/28	FY28/29	FY29/30	FY30/31	FY31/32	FY32/33	FY33/34	TOTAL
Annual estimated return from PIF	-	-	\$34.5m	\$35.2m	\$35.9m	\$36.6m	\$38.0m	\$39.5m	\$41.0m	\$42.5m	\$303.0m
Cash proceeds to WCC from PIF	-	-	\$24.6m	\$25.1m	\$25.6m	\$26.1m	\$27.2m	\$28.2m	\$29.3m	\$30.4m	\$216.5m
WIAL forecast dividend	\$10.3m	\$14.6m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$24.9m
Total income received by WCC ²	\$10.3m	\$14.6m	\$24.6m	\$25.1m	\$25.6m	\$26.1m	\$27.2m	\$28.2m	\$29.3m	\$30.4m	\$241.4m
Compared to LTP Forecast WIAL Dividend	\$10.3m	\$14.6m	\$18.9m	\$22.0m	\$24.6m	\$28.0m	\$29.1m	\$29.2m	\$29.4m	\$30.0m	\$236.1m
Impact on income	No impact		\$5.7m	\$3.1m	\$1.0m	(\$1.9m)	(\$1.9m)	(\$1.0m)	(\$0.1m)	\$0.4m	\$5.3m
Impact on rates	No impact							N/A	N/A	N/A	

Option	Diversifies investment risk	Aligns with strategy and governance	Enables greater risk management	Impact on rates	Impact on Council debt	Impact on Council Levels of service	Capital released for reinvestment in PIF	Value of retained ownership
Option A Sell entire WIAL shareholding and establish a PIF	YES	YES	YES	NO IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NO IMPACT	YES	NO VALUE

Option B – Partial sale of WIAL shares and establish a PIF



AT 50% SALE: \$250M^{1,2} RAISED – \$4M³ SALE COSTS = \$246^{1,2}M PROCEEDS TO INVEST + \$250M^{1,2} VALUE OF RETAINED OWNERSHIP

Under this option, a portion of WCC's shareholding in WIAL would be sold, with the proceeds being used to invest in a perpetual fund. The Council would retain some of its shareholding.

This Option allows for the continued receipt of relatively stable dividend payments, albeit in smaller amounts proportionate to WCC's lesser stake. The option of a partial sale would also diversify WCC's direct investment risk exposure, mitigating geographical and liquidity risks.

The efficacy of diversification would be limited, when compared to Option A, as this option is only a partial sale of the shareholding. Moreover, a partial sale

Partial sale of WIAL shareholding and establish a PIF

2024 – 2034 LTP years	FY24/25	FY25/26	FY26/27	FY27/28	FY28/29	FY29/30	FY30/31	FY31/32	FY32/33	FY33/34	TOTAL
Annual estimated return from PIF	-	-	\$17.2m	\$17.6m	\$17.9m	\$18.3m	\$19.4m	\$20.5m	\$21.6m	\$22.7m	\$155.1m
Cash proceeds to WCC from PIF	-	-	\$12.3m	\$12.6m	\$12.8m	\$13.1m	\$13.8m	\$14.6m	\$15.4m	\$16.2m	\$110.8m
WIAL forecast dividend	\$10.3m	\$14.6m	\$9.5m	\$11.0m	\$12.3m	\$14.0m	\$14.6m	\$14.6m	\$14.7m	\$15.0m	\$130.5m
Total income received by WCC ⁴	\$10.3m	\$14.6m	\$21.8m	\$23.6m	\$25.1m	\$27.1m	\$28.4m	\$29.2m	\$30.1m	\$31.2m	\$241.3m
Compared to LTP Forecast WIAL Dividend	\$10.3m	\$14.6m	\$18.9m	\$22.0m	\$24.6m	\$28.0m	\$29.1m	\$29.2m	\$29.4m	\$30.0m	\$236.1m
Impact on income	No impact		\$2.9m	\$1.6m	\$0.5m	(\$0.9m)	(\$0.7m)	\$0.0m	\$0.7m	\$1.2m	\$5.2m
Impact on rates	No impact								N/A	N/A	N/A

Option	Diversifies investment risk	Aligns with strategy and governance	Enables greater risk management	Impact on rates	Impact on Council debt	Impact on Council Levels of service	Capital released for reinvestment in PIF	Value of retained ownership
Option B Partial sale of WIAL shares and establish a PIF	YES	YES	YES	NO IMPACT	NO IMPACT	NO IMPACT	YES	~\$250m ^{1,2}

¹Approximate midpoint value of recent WIAL broker reports.

²Under the assumption that half (17%) of the Council's shareholding is sold.

³Sale costs are indicative only.

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⁴Forecast WIAL dividends received in FY25 and FY26. Beginning in FY27, half of forecast WIAL dividend received. The PIF is assumed to generate a total of 7% return per annum (for modelling purposes). 5% of the 7% return is paid to the Council, the remaining 2% remains in the PIF. \$248.25m received (sale of shareholding for midpoint value of analysed broker reports (\$250m minus 1.5% sale costs). The Council is forecasting to divest \$50m of selected ground leases over the forecast period. This amount is allocated pro rata (\$10m per annum) over the final five years of the forecast and invested directly into the PIF.

Should the Council sell some of its 34% stake in WIAL?

A minority sale is a viable option but not WCC's favoured option

Option C – Retain full WIAL shareholding



The third option is to retain the Council’s full shareholding in WIAL.

Until now, the Council has elected to retain WCC’s shareholding and maintain the status quo. If this option was to be favoured, WCC would retain future dividend payments as a revenue stream. The Council will also capture any appreciation in the value of its shareholding in WIAL. In FY23, the Airport delivered one of its largest dividends of around \$20m to WCC, and WIAL dividends are forecast to grow over the next ten years.

However, retention of the WIAL shareholding fails to mitigate any of the risks identified in the review of the Council’s current investment portfolio. This option provides no diversification in geography, liquidity or asset class within the portfolio. In comparison to the

establishment of a PIF, this option fails to generate new revenue streams or afford flexibility in managing insurance challenges.

Due to WIAL’s exposure to the global economy and economic downturns, the Council is not guaranteed to receive any dividends from WIAL. This was demonstrated through the COVID-19 pandemic, where WIAL paid no dividends, resulting in an additional \$50m of Council borrowings. Similarly, in the event of a natural disaster, dividend payments may stop once again. In this situation, a PIF would offer liquidity to the Council when required.

Additional capital may be required from WCC for WIAL’s planned Capex programme. Capex has been deferred during the COVID-19 pandemic. If WIAL requires additional equity for its Capex program, WCC

will either need to inject capital or it will have a dilution in ownership. Any expected Capex may also result in WCC receiving no dividend. This may result in WCC needing to further increase borrowings.

WIAL may be a significant piece of infrastructure for the greater Wellington region; however, due to the nature of WCC’s minority holding, WCC’s influence over decision making at WIAL is limited.

It is becoming more evident that maintaining the status quo is not feasible. Adverse market forces, challenging balance sheet needs and unsatisfactory insurance cover are directly related to the asset holdings in its investment portfolio. Retention of the shareholding fails to resolve current issues and will leave the Council needing to investigate alternative solutions before these issues become insurmountable.

Should the Council do nothing?

WCC could retain its full shareholding, but this does not address any of the constraints WCC is currently facing and therefore is not WCC’s favoured option

Retain full WIAL share ownership

2024 – 2034 LTP years	FY24/25	FY25/26	FY26/27	FY27/28	FY28/29	FY29/30	FY30/31	FY31/32	FY32/33	FY33/34	TOTAL
Annual estimated return from PIF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash proceeds to WCC from PIF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WIAL forecast dividend	\$10.3m	\$14.6m	\$18.9m	\$22.0m	\$24.6m	\$28.0m	\$29.1m	\$29.2m	\$29.4m	\$30.0m	\$236.1m
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Impact on income	No impact										
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Option	Diversifies investment risk	Aligns with strategy and governance	Enables greater risk management	Impact on rates	Impact on Council debt	Impact on Council Levels of service	Capital released for reinvestment in PIF	Value of retained ownership
Option C Retain WIAL Shareholding	NO	NO	NO	NO IMPACT	NO IMPACT however, borrowing may increase if dividends are not paid due to unforeseen events	NO IMPACT	NO	NO CHANGE retain 34% shareholding

Key milestones and steps required to establish a PIF

Summary of relevant WCC milestones:

October 2021

› F&PC Balance sheet review

November 2022

› S&P places WCC on "Negative Watch"

April - May 2023

› External Balance Sheet Review Phase 1

› Community Outcomes

› Long Term Priorities

September - October 2023

› External Balance Sheet Review Phase 2

› Citizens' Assembly hui

› Review of rating policies

9 November 2023

› Council voted to explore selling its stake in WIAL to establish a PIF

12 April – 12 May 2024

› Formal Community Consultation

May 2024

› Council hearings (9 May) and deliberations (30 May)

30 June 2024

› Formal Adoption of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation

July 2024 - onwards

› Possible sale of WIAL shareholding and identified ground leases for the establishment of a PIF.

Sale of selected ground leases

Capital in ground leases identified for divestment may be applied to the PIF. Capital released from ground leases in the future may be used from time to time to add to the PIF.



Should the Council elect to choose either Option A or Option B following consultation, there are a number of steps in the process of selling the WIAL shareholding and establishing a PIF. What key steps are required?



Sale of the shareholding in WIAL

Should the Council elect to sell the shareholding it would likely need to appoint an investment bank to oversee the sales process. This would include creating a pitch and information memorandum pertaining to the shareholding, valuation of the shareholding, and identifying and negotiating with potential buyers to facilitate a sale. An investment bank charges fees as compensation for overseeing the sale process.



Establishment of an organisation responsible for the PIF

The Council would need to establish an organisation that is responsible for the management of the PIF's operations and managing the Council's PIF in line with its agreed upon mandate and governance structures in place. This would require Council to:

- Undertake community consultation via a Special Consultative Procedure on the creation of an organisation or entity that would be responsible for running the PIF. This consultation would include options on what kind of organisation this would be (e.g. a CCO or other options), how it would be set up, its roles and responsibilities, and the nature of its relationship with the Council.
- Subject to Council decisions following consultation, undertake detailed design of the organisation/entity and its establishment/governing documents. This design would be in line with the organisation's purpose and responsibilities set by the Council.
- Depending on the form of the organisation chosen, undertake process to appoint governing body, followed by the governing body appointing senior management.



Appointment of an outsourced Investment Fund Manager

The organisation established would appoint an independent investment firm or fund manager to manage the PIF at arm's length. The investment fund manager would design the architecture of the PIF and the underlying investment strategy. The investment fund manager is mandated to invest the funds in the PIF, gained from the sale of the WIAL shareholding and ground leases, in line with agreed upon governance frameworks such as the Statement of Investment Policies and Objectives (SIPO).

The Council estimates that this process may take up to 24-36 months from the decision to sell the shareholding, due to the legislative requirements and consultative procedures required.

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Appendices

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What could an ESG-focused PIF look like?

There are methods that the Council could seek to follow when establishing an ESG-focused PIF. Below is a table adapted from [RIAA's Responsible and Ethical Investment Spectrum](#) that maps out the various approaches to responsible investing.

Approach	Traditional Investment	Responsible & Ethical Investment						
		ESG Integration	Exclusionary/negative screening	Norms-based screening	Corporate engagement and shareholder action	Positive/best-in-class screening	Sustainability-themed investing	Impact Investing
Method	Providing limited or no regard for environmental, social, governance and other ethical factors in investment decision-making	Explicitly including ESG risks and opportunities into financial analysis and investment decisions based on a systematic process and appropriate research sources	Excluding certain sectors, companies, countries or issuers based on activities considered not investable due principally to unacceptable downside risk or values misalignment	Screening of companies and issuers that do not meet minimum standards of business practice based on international norms and conventions; can include screening for involvement in controversies	Executing shareholder rights and fulfilling fiduciary duties to signal desired corporate behaviours – includes corporate engagement and filing or co-filing shareholder proposals, and proxy voting guided by comprehensive ESG guidelines	Intentionally tilting a proportion of a portfolio towards solutions; or targeting companies or industries assessed have better ESG performance relative to benchmarks or peers	Specifically targeting investment themes e.g. sustainable agriculture, green property, 'low carbon', Paris Agreement or SDG-aligned	Investing to achieve positive social and environmental impacts – requires measuring and reporting against these, demonstrating the intentionality of investor and underlying asset/investee and (ideally) the investor contribution
Intention		Avoids harm						
		Benefits stakeholders						
		Contributes to solutions						
Features and Outcomes		Delivers competitive financial returns						
		Manages ESG risks						
		Contributes to better system stability and economic sustainability						
		Pursues opportunities and creates real-economy outcomes						

WIAL option analysis and assumptions

WCC did not receive dividends from WIAL during COVID-19, bringing to light the return generated from this investment. Any divestment from WIAL would be reinvested into a PIF, which has the potential for greater returns than is currently received from their WIAL shareholding.

WCC has received a dividend forecast from WIAL from FY24 to FY34.

Having not received a dividend in FY21 and FY22, WCC received a dividend of ~\$20m in FY23 and is forecast to receive a similarly large dividend in FY24.

Dividends are forecast to decrease in FY25 and gradually rise up to \$30m in FY34. The average dividend over the ten-year period is forecast to be \$23.3m as shown in the chart below.

As was the case during the COVID-19 pandemic, WCC's receipt of dividends from WIAL is subject to other influences. Events which may impact on WIAL's dividends include climate change, natural disasters and capital expenditure plans to develop the airport.

The chart below illustrates the potential returns from a PIF in Options A and B against the forecasted WIAL dividend returns.

PIF returns will be variable, however we have assumed that any reinvestment made from the proceeds of the sale of the WIAL shareholding will produce a return equal to or greater than the average return currently received from WIAL.

Analysis has been based on the sale of WCC's shares in WIAL (\$500m has been assumed for modelling purposes) and the forecast dividend from FY24 to FY34 (\$23.3m). Note that returns in the chart below exclude capital gain from improved airport valuations.

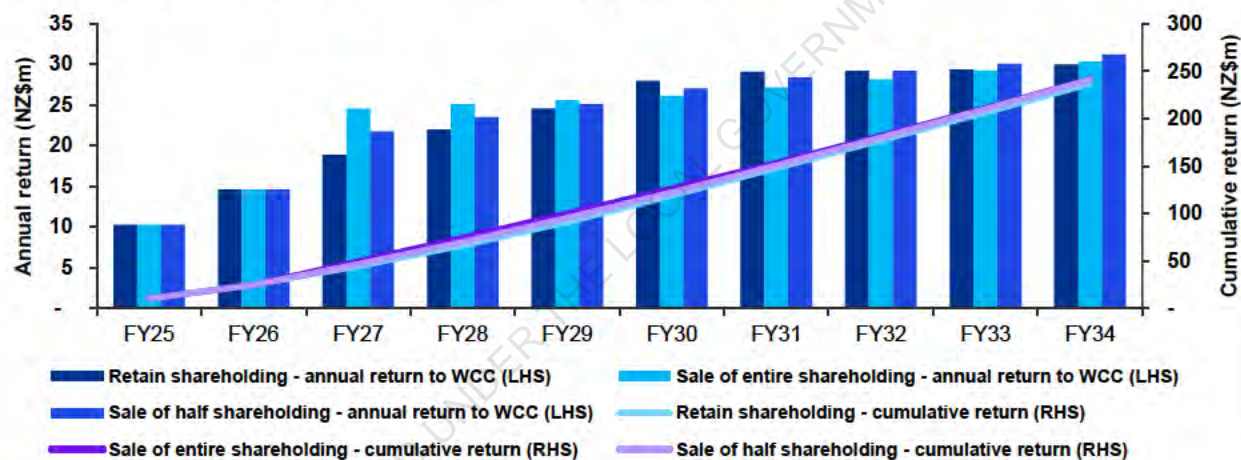
WCC has agreed to establish a PIF with any sale proceeds as its preferred option in part due to the ability to better achieve social or environmental outcomes. For this reason, WCC has stipulated that a PIF must sit within ESG parameters set by the Council. However, return and growth of the PIF is most important for resilience.

Assumptions

The following assumptions have been made throughout this process, which apply to all options unless it is clear that the assumption relates to one or more options only:

- A transaction will not proceed if the Council's expectations are not met.
- The Council is fully entitled to exit or walk away from any transaction for any reason prior to a transaction being concluded.
- Forecast dividends have been provided by WIAL.
- Shareholding is to be sold in the 2026/27 financial year.
- The proposal document discusses a transaction date estimate of FY27. The Council reserves the right to move this proposed date as required in response to changing conditions and in order to protect value.
- WCC would receive the forecast dividend from WIAL in the 2025 and 2026 financial year under Option A and B.
- WCC's share of WIAL has been valued at \$500m – this is an approximate midpoint of broker estimates.
- Sale costs have been estimated at 1.5% of the value of shareholding sold for modelling purposes. Sale costs for a transaction may be higher or lower than assumed.
- All proceeds raised from the sale, after costs of the sale are paid are invested into a PIF.
- The PIF is forecast to generate a total of 7% return per annum for modelling purposes. This is broadly based on KiwiSaver returns over the past 10 years assuming a balanced/growth investment strategy (see [Appendix 4](#)), noting that this is also similar to the average returns achieved to date by the NPDC PIF.
- The PIF is forecast to return 7% return per annum (for modelling purposes), 5% of the 7% return is paid to the Council, and the remaining 2% remains in the PIF.
- The Council is forecasting to divest \$50m of selected ground leases over the forecast period. This amount is allocated pro rata (\$10m per annum) over the final five years of the forecast and invested directly into the PIF.
- WCC receives half of the forecast WIAL dividends under Option B.
- No adverse tax consequences arise.
- The Council retains the ability to establish the appropriate structures to manage a transaction and the possibility of creating new holding entities or corporate structures as required.
- For the purpose of modelling, the Council has assumed a 17% stake in WIAL will be sold under Option B. The actual percentage that would be sold could be more or less.
- The preferred option in this proposal document is for the Council to sell its entire shareholding in WIAL and use the funds to establish a Perpetual Investment Fund.
- Financial assumptions used in this document are based on current information to date. In particular, valuations and cost of sale assumptions are based on an market information and recent transactions. These are estimates based on best information and will be subject to change.
- A transaction is subject to all applicable regulatory approvals, including foreign investment and competition approvals.
- All options in this proposal document have the potential to impact any current or future shareholders in WIAL. Any transaction is subject to the Council's considerations in respect to potential impacts on shareholders.

Financial comparison - WIAL dividends vs. shareholding sale scenarios



Previously established Perpetual Investment Funds

The following are selected examples of how other public agencies have chosen to invest proceeds following the sale of assets.

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New Plymouth District Council – Perpetual Investment Fund¹

- Established: 2004
- Managed by: Mercer New Zealand Limited
- Size: \$351m

The New Plymouth District Council (NPDC's PIF) was created to help offset rates for local ratepayers within the New Plymouth district. It was established using funds from the sale of NPDC's shares in Powerco.

- The PIF is overseen by New Plymouth PIF Guardians Limited (NPG), a council-controlled organisation (CCO) of NPDC. The CCO has an independent board of directors providing commercial expertise. Mercer New Zealand Limited manages the fund, and monitoring and review is completed by NPG.
- On the 28th June 2023, Parliament passed the 'New Plymouth District Council (Perpetual Investment Fund) Bill'. The Act sets out the principles for managing the fund, while dictating safeguards to ensure that independent financial managers make best-practice investment decisions to maintain or increase the value of the fund.

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Dunedin City Council – Waipori Fund²

- Established: 1999
- Managed by: Dunedin City Treasury Limited
- Size: \$97m

The Waipori Fund was established using proceeds from the sale of the Waipori electricity generation assets. The fund is a diversified investment portfolio comprising both fixed interest deposits and equity investments.

- The Fund is managed by Dunedin City Treasury Limited on behalf of Council, using the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO) approved by Council. The SIPO defines the primary objectives of the fund to be:
 - Maximise its income, subject always to a proper consideration of investment risk; and
 - Grow the Fund's base value, while maintaining an agreed cash distribution to Council.

The DCC maintains its Waipori Fund policy of divestment from fossil fuels, and a policy of formal opposition to offshore oil and gas.*

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Hawke's Bay Regional Council – Future Investment Fund³

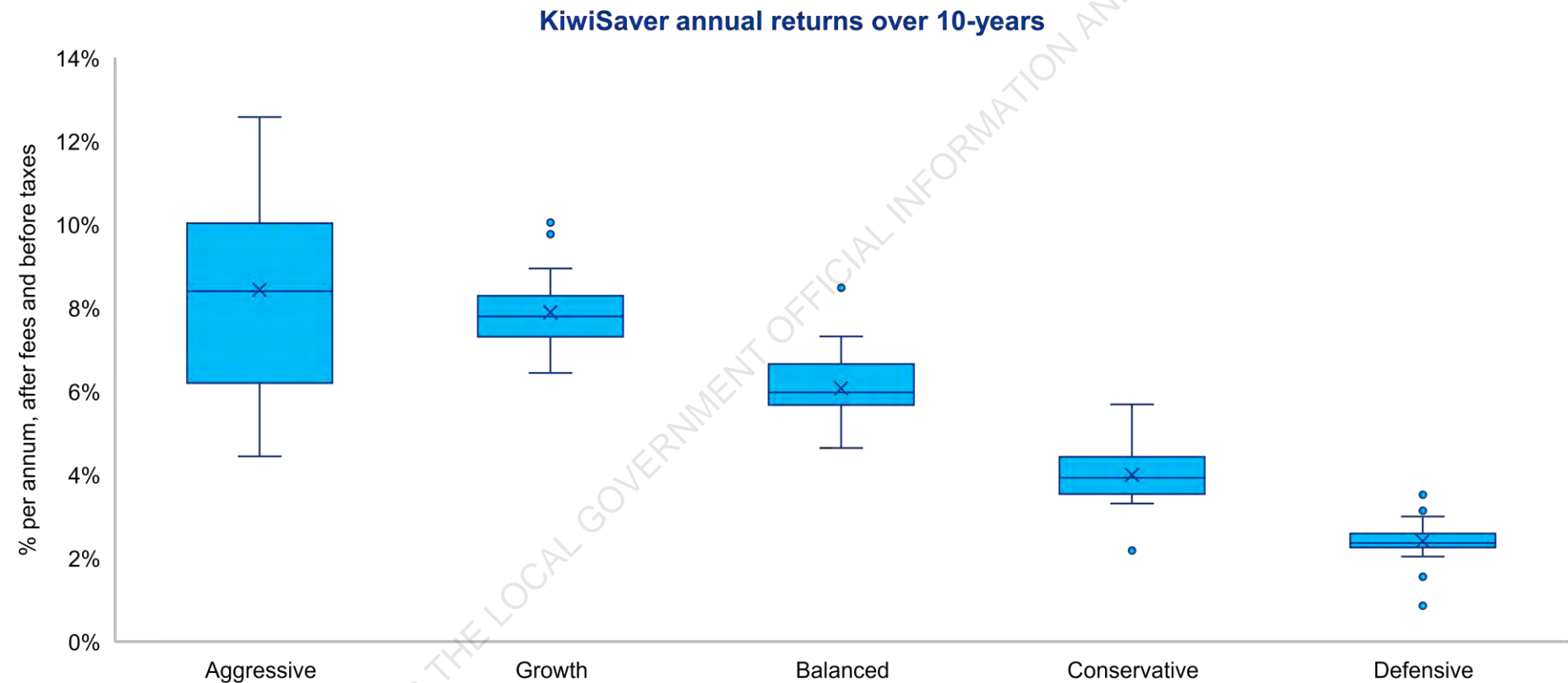
- Established: 1999
- Managed by: Jarden and Mercer
- Size: \$67m

In 2018, the HBRC consulted with its constituents on options concerning its holding in Napier Port. The HBRC completed a partial sell-down of a 45% ownership of Napier Port via an initial public offering, with the proceeds raised used to form the Future Investment Fund. The Future Investment Fund totalled \$67m as at 1 July 2023.

- The Fund is held by HBRC and the Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited (a CCO), in compliance under the HBRC's SIPO. The Councils three principle investment objectives include:
 - To increase the region's wealth and prosperity through the investment portfolio.
 - To increase asset values within the investment portfolio.
 - To protect asset values so future generations can also benefit from the investment portfolio.

KiwiSaver Returns

The table below shows the returns of KiwiSaver funds over the past 10 years (where the fund was established 10 or more years ago).

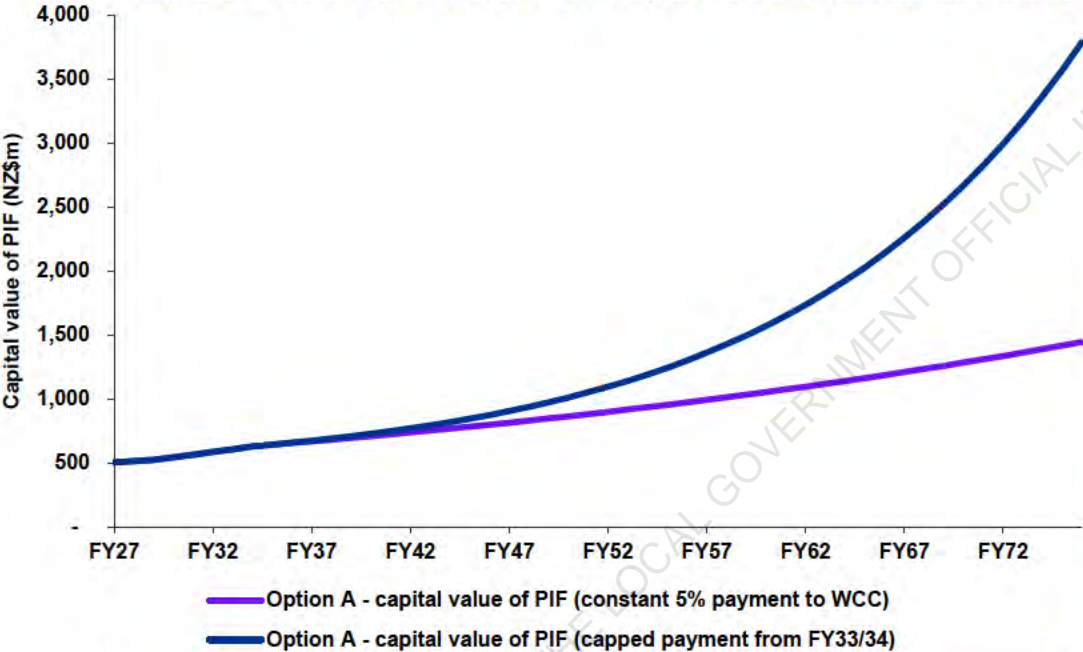


Potential PIF Growth

How the Council chooses to treat investment returns will impact the growth in the capital value of the PIF over time. The table and chart below show the forecast accumulation of capital value in the PIF under two different reinvestment policies, both based on our Option A scenario.

Option	Scenario/Year	FY26/27	FY27/28	FY28/29	FY29/30	FY30/31	FY35/36	FY45/46	FY55/56	FY65/66	FY75/76
A	PIF Capital Value – base case assumption that 2% of 7% PIF return is reinvested in PIF	\$502.4m	\$512.4m	\$522.6m	\$543.1m	\$564.0m	\$654.5m	\$797.8m	\$972.5m	\$1,185.5m	\$1,445.2m
A	PIF Capital Value – annual payment to WCC is capped from FY33/34 onwards at \$30.5m	\$502.4m	\$512.4m	\$522.6m	\$543.1m	\$564.0m	\$657.4m	\$874.0m	\$1,299.9m	\$2,137.8m	\$3,786.1m

Financial comparison – Forecast capital value of PIF over 50-year period under reinvestment scenarios



Greater reinvestment rate leads to accelerated growth

By implementing a cap on the payment returned to the Council, a larger portion of the PIF's earned return can be reinvested. A greater reinvestment rate would speed up the compounding process, leading to a faster growth rate of the Council's PIF from the implementation period onwards. Accelerated growth of the PIF would ultimately assist in boosting WCC's financial security and potentially alleviate future financial burdens.



Growth in the Council's PIF under different scenarios

The chart to the left shows the outcome of the assumptions summarised in the table above.

Two scenarios are displayed, related to the forecast capital value of the Council's PIF based on the Council's reinvestment choice. The scenarios are described below:

1. The first scenario uses the base case assumption that the PIF is forecast to return 7% per annum, with 5% of the 7% return paid to the Council, and the remaining 2% reinvested in the PIF. Under this scenario, the PIF grows to **\$1.5bn** after 50 years.
2. The second scenario uses the base case assumption until FY33/34. From FY34/35 onwards, the payment to WCC is capped at \$30.4m, with all returns above this level reinvested in the PIF. The annual amount of \$30.4m is based on the forecast WCC payment for FY33/34. Under this scenario, the PIF grows to **\$3.8bn** after 50 years.

The second scenario assumes that \$30.4m is deemed by the Council in FY34 to be an adequate payment to WCC to support its services to the Wellington region, but also allows for the reinvestment of PIF returns in a way that supports the Council in achieving its long-term growth ambitions.

The implementation of a capped payment has been used as a means for comparison to visualise the impact of a greater reinvestment rate on forecast PIF growth. The quantum of the fund begins to materially diverge as the compounding of returns takes effect. Should WCC choose to cap the payment to WCC and reinvest a greater proportion of the PIF's returns, the PIF is forecast to outgrow the base case by more than \$2bn over the period.

Glossary of terms

Capex	Capital expenditure
CCO	Council-controlled organisation
DCC	Dunedin City Council
ESG	Environmental, Social and Governance
FYXX	Financial year ending 20XX
HBRC	Hawke's Bay Regional Council
LGFA	New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency
LTP	Long-term plan
NPDC	New Plymouth District Council
NPG	New Plymouth PIF Guardians Limited
PIF	Perpetual investment fund
SIPO	Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives
S&P	Standard and Poor's
WCC	Wellington City Council
WIAL	Wellington International Airport Limited



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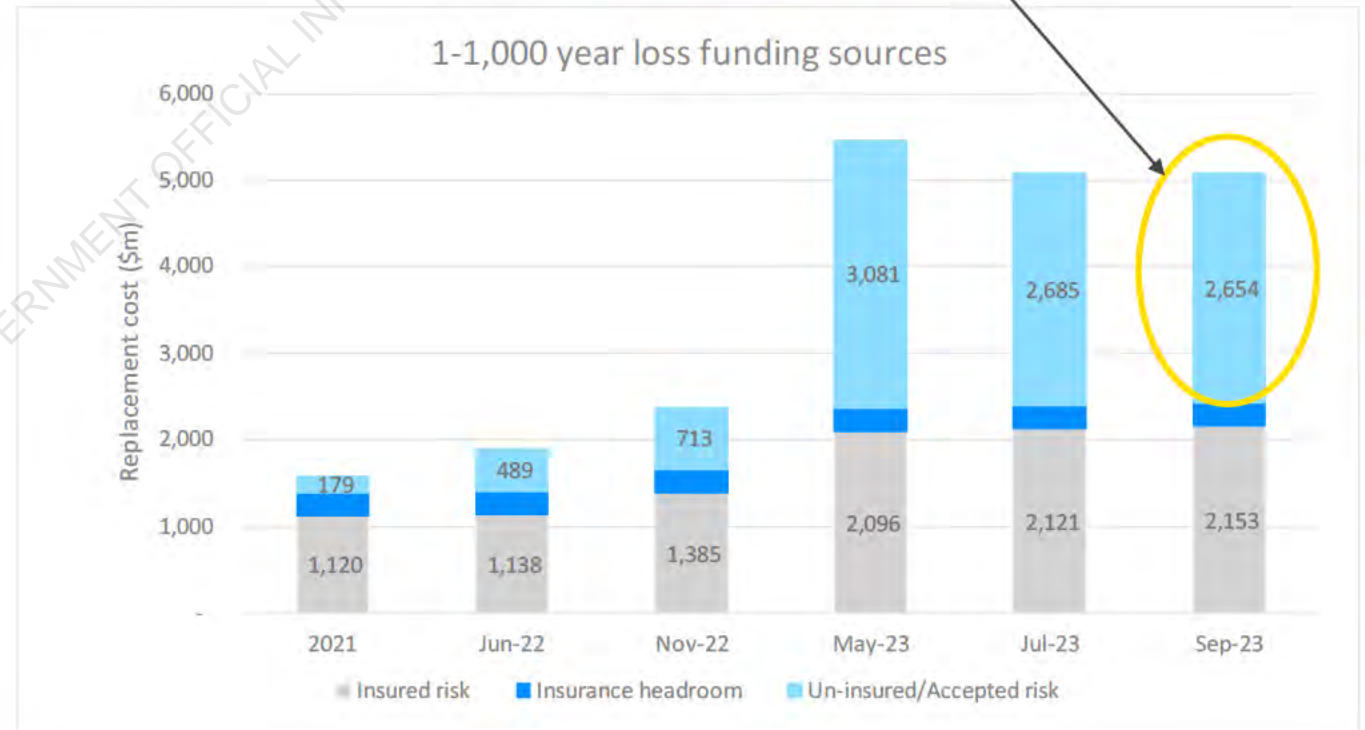
WCC's Insurance and Risk
Financing Journey



MIND THE GAP

Defining the gap
has been the
focus of the
journey so far

MIND THE GAP



Destination

When insurance was relatively cheap and easy to procure, risk transfer was a good solution

But...

Council needs to pivot to become a strategic purchaser of insurance, to provide better consistency and certainty on our cost of risk

Insurance Roadmap

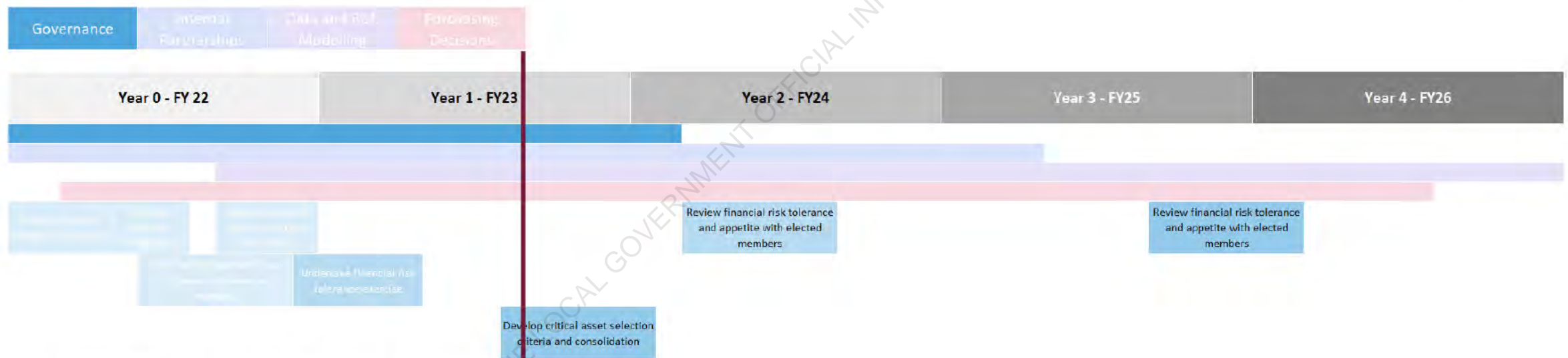


- In September 2022 the Audit and Risk committee endorsed the insurance roadmap workplan, which was developed to address the growing insurance gap.
- Activities along the timeline have been completed in line with the plan and begun to start lessening the gap
- The earthquake modelling is a pivotal piece of work which will inform many of the next steps and begin to develop further actions in the year 3-6 period

Governance



Increase understanding within our governance structures, ELT and Council, enabling better informed decision making



- Initial tasks nearing completion
- Additions to this workstream can be expected for years 3-6
- Feeds all other workstreams by producing guidance on risk tolerance and asset priority

Internal Controls

- Financial risk tolerance and appetite
 - Risk appetite statement workshops held with Councillors
- Traditional insurance policy settings
 - Policy limits
 - Policy excesses
 - Policy ventilation
- Non-traditional solutions (alternative risk transfer)
 - Fed by the purchasing decisions workstream

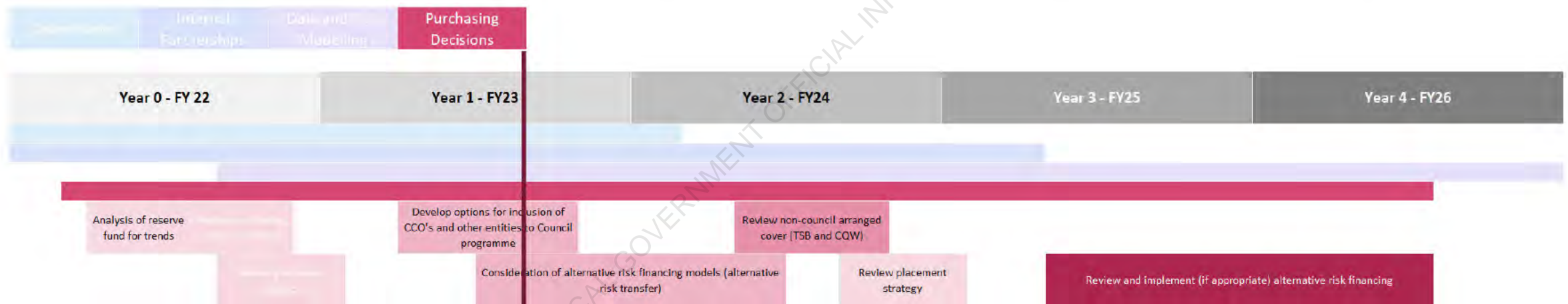
Our placeholder risk appetite statement

“We will not tolerate actions that have a significant negative impact on long-term financial sustainability. We will hold balance sheet capacity to cover 40-80% of un-insured/accepted expected losses in a major event. We will seek a mix of external insurance and self-insurance cover based on criteria relating to availability, cost, benefit and criticality. Alternative and innovative risk funding will be considered for non-critical assets.”

Purchasing Decisions



Improve the process and analysis used to make insurance or other risk funding purchasing decisions at Council



- Review of placement strategies and decisions resulted in increased capacity in the 2023-24 period
- Alternative risk funding products and models are being investigated
- Council's financial risk tolerance has been assessed
- Our analysis of the insurance reserve indicates it will not be sufficient to fund our excesses after a major event

Traditional Insurance

- Placement of all policies spread across markets
 - Offers diversity of insurers to protect Council from potential market shocks
 - Access to capital
 - Geographical diversity, offering risk diversity for overseas markets
- Why London
 - Large capital pool
 - Highly diversified
 - Historical support
- Not New Zealand?
 - Limited/exhausted capital deployment
 - Low diversity

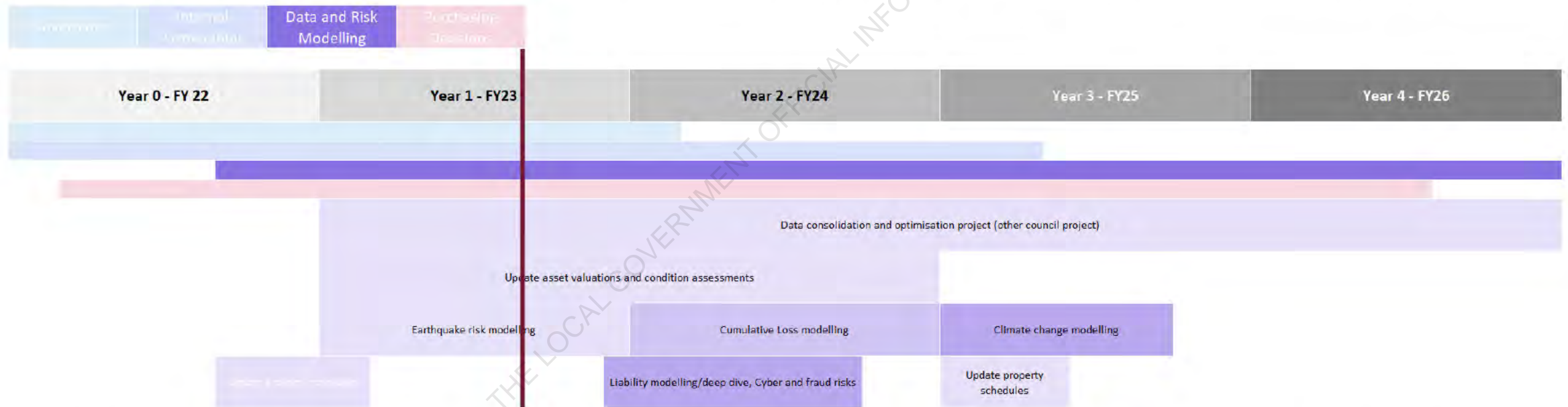
London Learnings

- Demonstrating capability to proactively manage risks is seen favourably
 - Climate risk mitigation strategies important and they liked hearing about innovation like the SSDT
 - Disaster risk preparedness crucial
 - Flood risk considerations increasing
- Discussion of new (to WCC) products becoming more widely available and accessible (though will take significant up front work and planning to access and implement)
- Positive 2024 outlook
 - Stable rates (not to be confused with valuations)
 - New capital entering market, largely from existing insurers where we have established relationships
- Face to face highly valued
 - Demonstrates our commitment to the relationships we have built over the years with our insurers
 - Share the Wellington messaging and make sure we control the narrative (vs media driven assumptions)

Data & Understanding



Improve the process and analysis used to make insurance or other risk funding purchasing decisions at Council

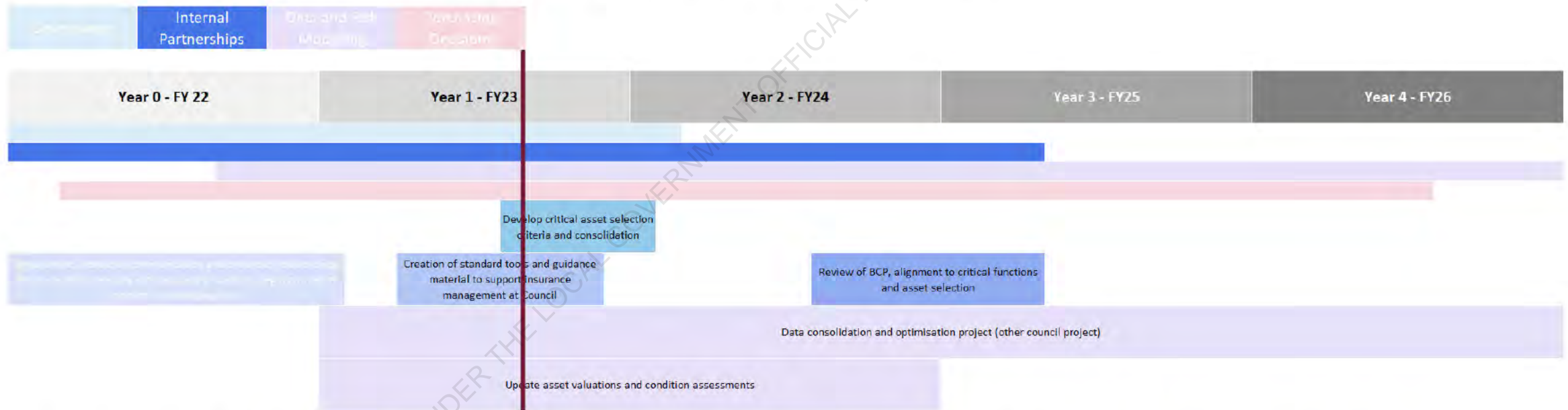


- Data consolidation project enabled us to spatially link our replacement values, enabling accurate and pixelated loss modelling
- Asset valuation methodology reviews have been undertaken and new valuation contracts are being negotiated
- Earthquake risk modelling is expected to be delivered during the 2024 calendar year

Internal Partnerships



Improve relationships and communication across Council, partner with other Council teams to deliver mutually beneficial outcomes and provide up to date and fit for purpose guidance



- Partnership with various teams including, Climate Change, Capital Asset Accounting, Strategic Asset Management, Asset Owners, Legal, Consenting and Compliance, Waterfront, Community Leases

Road trip - 23/24 detailed action plan



1. Develop Risk Appetite Statement

- Set the scene, define objectives & plan
- Workshops with elected members



2. Data Consolidation and Optimisation Project

- Convert information in central asset database to usable information suitable for next steps



3. Financial Risk Tolerance

- Set retentions consistent with balance sheet capacity and risk appetite
- Use actuarial modelling tools to find the right balance between risk retention and risk transfer
- Programme design and stress testing - financial impact quantification

4. Loss Modelling

- Set goals and define objectives
- Research/develop scenarios
- Agree scope of work
- Inform the amount of coverage required in a 'worst case' scenario



7. Portfolio optimisation

- Develop a set of tools and guidelines to ensure insurance purchases are applied in an efficient and effective manner.
- Validate alignment of the tools and guidelines with Council risk appetite and tolerance



6. Assess alternative risk transfer options

- Cost/benefit analysis for each option
- Assess if option adds value and is cost effective
- Agree on preferred options
- Structure solutions to improve product relevance



5. Climate Risk Assessment

- Research/develop scenarios for a physical risk assessment of climate related risks and opportunities
- Potential transition risk assessment
- Link to Sustainability and Climate / Insurance
- Enable Council to test business model



8. Marketing

- Seek pricing and support for preferred solutions



9. Reporting

- Draft report with recommendations for risk financing and transfer programme
- Seek decision from elected members



10. Review and Evaluate process and learnings

- Assumptions that underpin decisions are regularly reviewed and tested to ensure they remain valid and fit for purpose

What Next?

31 May Renewals

Earthquake loss modelling

Parametric thinktank

Climate risk modelling

Alternative risk financing option – investigations ongoing

Portfolio Optimisation

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Hi [s7\(2\)\(a\)](#),

If you are in Newtown this morning.

I am at Newtown Library between 10.30-12.30

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1446138672955568/?ref=newsfeed>

From: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon

Sent: 09 May 2024 17:19

To: [s7\(2\)\(a\)](#) <[s7\(2\)\(a\)](#)@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: The airport

Hi [s7\(2\)\(a\)](#),

My apologies – I have had it down to call you this week- but my distractions have been too great.

Here is one of the submissions we have had today casing the opposite of the unions claim.

What I can offer is that I will be at the Newtown library between 10.30 am and 12.30 am on Saturday if you want to drop by.
I'll try and send you a link to the event.

Hope you are well otherwise.

Laurie

I think you asked for the reference to fossil fuel divestment: divestmentdatabase.org

Universities, cities, churches, the Rockefeller Foundation(!), and other public-good organisations divested almost NZ\$68Trillion from the oil business because it changes the climate.

As mentioned, we encourage the council divest its "petrol station for planes" airport shares asap because owning part of the oil business is wrong for future generations and airport shareholders will carry increasing legal risks as burning kerosene at altitude loses what is left of its social licence.

From: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 5:05 PM

To: [s7\(2\)\(a\)](#) <[s7\(2\)\(a\)](#)@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: The airport

Hi [s7\(2\)\(a\)](#),

Just to clarify an answer on boards versus CCO's from our CFO

We do not have the ability to instruct our Board members. Those appointed to the Board are required to act within the Companies Act and that requires a Director to act in the best interests of the Company. Therefore, they must in receiving the information as a Board member consider the interests of the company, not the interests of the City/Council.

131 Duty of directors to act in good faith and in best interests of company

- (1) Subject to this section, a director of a company, when exercising powers or performing duties, must act in good faith and in what the director believes to be the best interests of the company.

I do not believe we can exert more influence over the airport company than a CCO. Under the Local Government Act there are a number of provisions which enable the Council to set expectations (through a Statement of Expectations and Statement of Intent process). There is no similar requirement for an entity under the Companies Act, particularly when the shareholding is a minority one.

I also noticed that there was no mention of why the council is proposing this transfer of assets into another asset, which is the under-insurance crisis that the city is in.

We are currently underinsured by billions because of changes in the insurance market, increased value of what the city owns and increased risk because we have so many fault lines.

This means in recent years our under insurance has increased dramatically.

There is more on this [here](#).

My bottom line on this is that the city knows the situation we are in, by having these korero.

The trade offs are -if we choose to keep the assets we have here in Wellington - we would not have the means to get back up and running quickly as we wouldn't be able to sell the assets quickly- whereas if we transfer into an investment fund that we build up over time, we could access funds quickly to start rebuilding quickly.

Happy to discuss.

From: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <laurie.foon@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: 29 April 2024 16:32

To: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: The airport

Hi s7(2)(a)

This is a really tricky one.

My understanding is that under the companies act board members are required to act for the benefit of that company, ie even in the mayors case not for the benefit of WCC.

That means that WCC will also be in the position to either be asked for capital for an runway extension, if we block that we run the risk of our shareholding diluted.

This is of real concern to me as the council will be a real predicament then.

We know that the airport is actively seeking new airline partners and more flights constantly.

I can't see that we will be able to even dream about buying more shares in the airport as I think you can see the other things that are on our agenda.

Having said that- Greater Wellington are buying more shares in the port and actually it would be great if they could help us out as it is Regional airport.

I would like to talk to you about this challenge if you have a moment because it is going to be a very very tricky decision.

Thanks for not coming at me with a fixed position.

Laurie

From: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2024 7:00 AM

To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <laurie.foon@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: The airport

Kia ora Laurie

As you know I've been staunchly supportive of the work you and others have been doing in council.

I'm also usually supportive of the work by groups like Unions Wellington and Generation Zero.

Therefore I clearly see both sides of the airport debate. Despite the council's shares the airport has been a terrible corporate citizen in

Wellington and largely greenwashes on the climate crisis.

However, having contacted Unions Wellington I've been told that because the airport is not a CCO the council actually has more freedom and control over how its representatives on the board behave (I do understand that the council's holding is only something like 34%). They also seem to be talking about buying back more shares in order to push decarbonisation.

How does the council instruct its representatives on the airport board please and is this true that the council could exert more influence since it isn't a CCO?

Thanks again for all the work you and others have been doing.

Mauri ora

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Nāku noa

s7(2)(a)



From: [Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon](#)
To: s7(2)(f)(ii)
Subject: FW: Keep the Airport Our Forum
Date: Friday, 14 June 2024 12:10:36 pm
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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From: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 4:57 PM
To: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Keep the Airport Our Forum

Hi s7(2)(a),

apologies from me for taking so long to get back to you.

I have heard from s7(2) - so thanks for that.

Also s7(2)(a)'s opening remarks- yes I remember the work of Unions Wellington on keeping the library building fully publicly owned.

That was the work I do recall, but not on the airport conversation last term.

Thanks for the update on the airport being Living Wage accredited. No-one spoke about it at the meeting but I do think that is an opportunity. I will speak to the mayor about advocating for the Wellington Airport to become Living Wage accredited.

Thanks s7(2)(a), it's going to be a big few weeks as we hear the submissions, I am sure we'll see you at council HQ at some stage.

Go well.

Laurie

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: 26 April 2024 11:35
To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <laurie.foon@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Keep the Airport Our Forum

Kia ora Laurie,

Apologies for the delay in my response, it's been a very busy week. It was lovely having you and many other councillors at the forum. While we saw it as a key part of the consultation process, we are encouraging people to give us input on what is most concerning to them about the proposal to sell and incorporate that into our submission. We also definitely encourage people to make their own submissions.

I have asked ^{s7(2)} to forward any resources/further reading she thinks would be useful to accompany her speech.

^{s7(2)(a)} bought up Unions Wellington's 2021 anti-privatisation campaign and the subsequent prevention of the proposal to sell off assets like the airport based on a conversation she had with Fleur Fitzsimons at the beginning of the forum. Saving the airport then was something Fleur credited us with, from her understanding as someone who was a councillor at the time. Essentially, what happened was that Unions Wellington ran a 2019 local body campaign and gave candidates a score based on how they responded to questions and what their public statements/votes had been to date. The score was inclusive of their perspective on various worker concerns, such as public ownership. When the LTP's initial discussions included proposals to sell both the library and the airport, Unions Wellington wrote to councillors they had endorsed who had previously campaigned on retaining public assets and they subsequently voted not to sell. Our ability to take credit for this is somewhat subjective because people, and to be honest, in my experience, this is especially the case for politicians, do not often give credit to what changes their minds, but it is gratifying that Fleur sees that campaign as being so effective. Here is a link to Union's Wellington's scorecard [Paekawakawa/Southern Ward scorecard](#) for you in the 2019 election and I attached a copy of the letter from the committee at the time sent to councillors. If you didn't receive this it may be because you did not indicate that you wished to sell assets.

I do not recall the living wage coming up from any of our speakers at the forum. The Airport is not Living Wage accredited. To the best of my knowledge, the cleaners at the airport are not paid a living wage and despite the council's commitment to the living wage, organisations they own (or partially own) do not have to pay the living wage for the council to maintain its accreditation. However, with the two seats the council has on the board as unionists, we would encourage the council to use its power to push for workers at the airport to get a living wage, given that is something WCC itself clearly feels strongly about (as it is proudly accredited). But again, I don't recall it coming up at the forum; if you remember who you thought brought it up, I can follow up. ^{s7(2)(a)} spoke about the impacts of private ownership on public utilities and how that impacts workers. One aspect of this is often pay, but it is certainly not the only goal of the union movement in terms of advocating for good workplaces; plus, the living wage should be a floor, it is not an example of good pay for skilled work. I have asked ^{s7(2)(a)} to pass on any additional reading you may find useful to accompany the talking points in his speech.

I am glad that you found the forum to be a respectful environment. We always endeavour to achieve that, so it's great feedback to hear.

If you have further questions do not hesitate to get in touch,

s7(2)(a)

On Fri, Apr 19, 2024 at 5:04 PM Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <laurie.foon@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi s7(2)(a)

Thank-you and all of the team from Unions Wellington for hosting the Keep the Airport Ours Forum this week.

It was very important to hear all of those perspectives and but please do encourage people to submit through the LTP process also as we need this voice to come through this process.

I did want to ask if there was any follow up material you could provide on the thinking of the climate perspective for the airport sale as presented by s7(2)(a)? That would be appreciated – I did take notes but would be great to get something more concrete to follow up on.

I also wanted to clarify a point that s7(2)(a) made regarding Unions stopping the airport sale conversation coming up last triennium, is there any evidence on that?

I checked my email chains and haven't been able to find anything. I also can't recall this being the case. But wanted to check with the facts on this.

Regarding Living Wage - I couldn't see anywhere if Wellington Airport was a Living Wage employer. Do you have any information on that?

I also wanted to thank-you and your team for the respectful conduct of the meeting. It is important that we all practise this in public meetings and lead by example.

As representatives it is most appreciated as we want to speak with our communities but sometimes it can be an unsafe environment out there.

Nga mihi

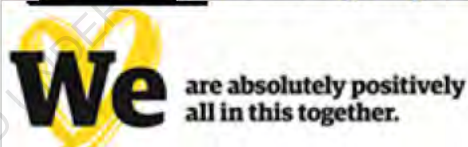
[Laurie Foon](#) (she/her)

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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:45 PM

To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <laurie.foon@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Keep the Airport Our Forum

Kia ora Laurie,

Following our conversation yesterday, s7(2)(f)(ii) reached out to the council's legal team, who recommended we change our question's wording. Their legal analysis does not align with the advice we have been given. However, we see it as incredibly important that we get councillors along to this event so that you can hear the voices of the climate groups, unionists and general public in attendance, and they can see that you want to hear from them. So, considering this is what councillors have expressed concern with, we are changing the question to what the council's legal team has recommended:

Do you support (in principle and without restricting your obligation to genuinely consider all information presented during the consultation process) retaining Wellington City Council's 34% holding in Wellington International Airport Limited?

We trust that this will elevate any concerns you may have had about your attendance after yesterday's meeting. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday. I am attaching a runsheet.

s7(2)(a)

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From: [Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon](#)
To: s7(2)(f)(ii)
Subject: FW: Divestment from the Oil Distribution Business - Re Airport Divestment
Date: Friday, 14 June 2024 12:09:45 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 4:25 PM
To: Beth Keightley <Beth.Keightley@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; Katherine Lee <Katherine.Lee@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Divestment from the Oil Distribution Business - Re Airport Divestment

Great Beth and Katherine,

Thanks for this and I am so glad you are interested. These are the things that keep me awake at night.

Would you be comfortable if I shared this with the team?

Andrea would you also be able to put this on the Q and A / reporting.

Many thanks

- Yes I may have some questions but digesting this for the minute. I appreciate the quick turnaround.

From: Beth Keightley <Beth.Keightley@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 2:23 PM
To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; Katherine Lee <Katherine.Lee@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Divestment from the Oil Distribution Business - Re Airport Divestment

Kia ora Laurie

Thanks for your email. Katherine from my team has looked at this – Katherine has a strong interest in this area. She and I would be happy to chat through it in person if you had further questions.

Beth

There is no precedent for legal action as set out in 1 or 2 below. Climate change law remains a particularly grey area, and is still developing in New Zealand and globally.

Any action against Council for holding shares in Wellington International Airport Limited (WIAL) would be a novel cause of action in New Zealand. The *Smith v Fonterra* case, linked below, is still in its early stages, and in itself involves novel causes of action. In that case, the causes of action are against companies who are themselves emitters of greenhouse gases. We do not consider this analogous to Council's situation of being a minority shareholder in WIAL.

Given we are a minority shareholder of WIAL, we consider that any decision to divest shares carries little risk from an environmental legal perspective.

We also note that holding shares in WIAL does not necessarily mean we have the ability to influence their approach to greenhouse gas emissions. Whilst the airport supplies fuels, any change to fuels used requires industry innovation, and "buy-in" from airlines themselves. There is also significant central government, and international, regulation about airports and airlines, which will in turn influence the ability for WIAL to make changes to operations. We do not have the ability to change or significantly influence these regulations, given they link into international requirements.

(NB: Strike out is where the Court does not allow a proceeding to go ahead because there is no clear basis for the cause of action, or the cause of action has not been pleaded with enough clarity).

Nga Mihi
Beth

Beth Keightley

General Counsel | Legal Services | Te Tumu Ara Whaimana (Strategy and Governance) | Wellington City Council

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From: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 4:31 PM

To: Beth Keightley <Beth.Keightley@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Andrea Reeves <Andrea.Reeves@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Fw: Divestment from the Oil Distribution Business - Re Airport Divestment

Hi Beth and ccing Andrea (as putting together q and a's for councillors)

can we have some advice on the legal implications of continuing to own or divesting our airport shares from a climate risk and ESG perspectives?

We have heard two claims that the council could be at risk legally

1. for not divesting. we had two submitters on Thursday for the LTP. Please see the email below.

As I understand there is a live case on the old Marsden Point refinery pumping oil to Auckland Airport - I couldn't find that case but did find this one [here](#)
Is there any evidence of divestment in airports for environmental reasons?

2. we were also threatened with legal action, at the Unions Wellington meeting. For them, the argument was that state-owned services or Public entities had a better opportunity to influence emissions reduction. And by selling our shares we would not be meeting our Te Atakura commitments
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To make a good decision, I must fully understand the legal environmental risks, which are very important to me.

Many thanks

Laurie

From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: 09 May 2024 13:28
To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@gmail.com>

Subject: Divestment from the Oil Distribution Business

Hi Laurie

Nice to see you today

I think you asked for the reference to fossil fuel divestment:

divestmentdatabase.org

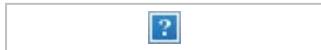
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Best regards

s7(2)(a), Architect

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From: [Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon](#)
To: s7(2)(f)(ii)
Subject: FW: Keep the Airport Ours - Poll and Coffee Meeting
Date: Friday, 14 June 2024 12:09:07 pm

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 10:38 AM
To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Keep the Airport Ours - Poll and Coffee Meeting

Kia ora Laurie,

You would have seen the poll this morning showing that **74% of Wellingtonians** are against the sale of the airport. Our poll also found that **84% of the Paekawakawa / Southern Ward constituency** are against it.

As you are **one of the eight** who made a public commitment (in principle, of course) not to sell the airport, Unions Wellington would be very keen to organize a coffee meeting after the LTP hearings finish next week.

This meeting would equip you with talking points and our economic arguments to ensure we have a majority at the finance committee meeting against the sale.

Please let us know a time that suits you from Thursday next week, before the 30th of May meeting to chat over coffee.

Cheers, Unions Wellington Committee

From: [Unions Wellington](#)
To: [Councillor Rebecca Matthews](#)
Subject: Keep the Airport Ours - Meeting and Poll
Date: Friday, 17 May 2024 10:43:07 am

Kia ora Rebbeca,

You would have seen the poll this morning showing that **74% of Wellingtonians** are against the sale of the airport. Our poll also found that **77 % of Onslow-Western ward constituents** are against it.

As you are **one of the eight** who made a public commitment (in principle, of course) not to sell the airport, Unions Wellington would be very keen to organize a coffee meeting after the LTP hearings finish next week.

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Cheers, Unions Wellington Committee

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From: [Unions Wellington](#)
To: [Councillor Nureddin Abdurahman](#)
Date: Friday, 17 May 2024 10:45:58 am

Kia ora Nureddin,

You would have seen the poll this morning showing that **74% of Wellingtonians** are against the sale of the airport. Our poll also found that **84% of the Paekawakawa / Southern Ward constituency** are against it.

As you are **one of the eight** who made a public commitment (in principle, of course) not to sell the airport, Unions Wellington would be very keen to organize a coffee meeting after the LTP hearings finish next week.

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Cheers,

Unions Wellington Committee

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From: Unions Wellington
To: Councillor Nikau Wi Neera
Subject: Re: Keep the Airport Ours - Coffee Meeting
Date: Saturday, 18 May 2024 3:06:27 pm
Attachments: Outlook-rdajysd.png

Sounds good, we're looking forward to meeting with you and would be happy to share the poll in full as we think there's some data in there that's you'd find really interesting.

s7(2)(a)

On Fri, May 17, 2024 at 10:53 AM Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:
4pm Monday 27? Up at VUW?

Cheers,
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Nikau Wi Neera
Ngāti Toa Kāi Tahu Ngāpuhi Ngāti Pāhauwera
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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 17 May 2024 10:32
To: Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Keep the Airport Ours - Coffee Meeting

Kia ora Niaku,

You would have seen the poll this morning showing that **74% of Wellingtonians** are against the sale of the airport. Fantastic news for our push to keep the airport.

As you are **one of the eight** who made a public commitment (in principle, of course) not to sell the airport, Unions Wellington would be very keen to organize a coffee meeting after the LTP hearings finish next week.

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From: s7(2)(a)
To: Unions Wellington: s7(2)(a)@gmail.com; Councillor Nureddin Abdurahman
Subject: Re: Wellingtonians Oppose Airport Sale: Join Us for Crucial Actions to Keep the Airport Ours
Date: Monday, 20 May 2024 7:32:28 pm
Attachments: [Water Investors Have Withdrawn Billions, Says Research.docx](#)
[Capital Electric To Wellington Electric.docx](#)

Kia ora,

I am not able to make the meeting tomorrow - Tuesday 21 May 2024 - to support or make oral submissions to the Wellington City Council at 6pm opposing the sale of WCC Wellington City airport shares.

There were 3 of us - myself Vernon Tile representing the Alliance Party, Liz Tennant (Labour MP for the Island Bay Electorate) and Annette King (incoming Labour MP for the Miramar Electorate) in 1993 through to 1996 organising the campaign to oppose the sale of the formerly Wellington City Council owned Capital Power - Wellington's electricity company.

I still have all the materials from that Capital Power campaign. It was a campaign that we lost in the end but it was quite a different campaign to what you are currently running for opposing the sale of the WCC Wellington Airport shares.

The sale of Capital Power was pushed on the basis that it would clear Wellington City Council debts and Wellington City Council would be debt free going into the future. Well that lie has now been proven to be what it was - a blatant lie to sell off a public asset.

The sale of the Wellington City Council Wellington Airport shares is being pushed on the basis of setting up a "Future Investment Fund" for Wellington City and to meet Wellington's insurance cover shortfall. Well that lie will be proven to be the case in the next decade.

Some of the things we did differently with the Capital Power campaign:

1. Across 1993 and into 1994, we had stalls downtown and in suburban shopping areas that had three purposes: a petition that we got people to sign opposing the sale of Capital Power; giving out leaflets about opposing the sale; and talking to the public.
2. Over 1995 through to 1996 - activities were organised to maintain opposition to the sale of Capital Power.
3. Over 1993 to 1996 we had a number of public meetings opposing the sale of Capital Power.
4. Organised oral and written submissions from the wider public

Some of the things we did with the Capital Power Campaign as you have currently:

1. Organised an initial public meeting.
2. Lobbied city councillors.
3. Attended relevant WCC meetings.
4. Participating in the oral submission WB+CC process.

All the best with the campaign to stop the sale of the Wellington Airport shares by Wellington City Council.

I have attached some information about Capital Power which has become Wellington Electric.

I have also attached the BBC News report released today about the privatised water companies in the UK since 1989.

It is a good example of how all public assets sold to private companies end up - **the rewards are**

privatised and the costs are socialised.

This is an example from the UK but there are plenty of examples in New Zealand e.g. KiwiRail, Capital Power, the Wellington Council Transport buses, etc but also applies to the commercially operated Council Owned Organisations - Watercare, Wellington Water.

I have sent this email to the Southern Ward Councillor - Nureddin Abdurahman, as he is the only person/city councillor who raised the sale of Capital Power by Wellington City Council at the public meeting at the Thistle Hall on Wednesday 17 April 2024.

Regards

s7(2)(a)

Stop The Sale Of Capital Power Co-ordinator with Liz Tennant and Annette King
Former Wellington Regional Representative to the Alliance Party National Council 1992 - 2004
Alliance Party Candidate - 1993 Island Bay Electorate, 1996 Mana Electorate, 1999 and 2002 Rongotai Electorate

On Fri, 17 May 2024 at 13:56, Unions Wellington <communications@nzctu.org.nz> wrote:

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Today we released a poll to the Post showing that 74 percent of Wellingtonians oppose the sale. Read the article [here](#). This is a step in the right direction, but there is still more to do to ensure the mayor, and councillors vote the right way.

Please register for the following TWO Actions to Keep the Airport Ours.

1: Oral Submission to Council 6.00 pm Tuesday 21st of May

We need a strong turnout to show the community's opposition to the sale and to support our speakers in making our case to the council that we should keep the airport ours.

Please meet in the foyer of Wellington City Council at 113 The Terrace at 5.40 pm

Please register [here](#).

2: Key Vote to oppose the sale of Wellington Airport at 9.00 am Thursday 30th of May

We need the community at this meeting to STOP the sale and ensure that the councillors and the mayor put this issue to rest and ensure that the disposal of the shares is not inserted into the LTP.

Please meet in the foyer of Wellington City Council at 113 The Terrace at 5.40 pm

Please register [here](#).

Keep the Airport Ours

You are receiving this email because you have taken an action on [together](#), the campaigning platform for the union movement.

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Kia ora

Unfortunately, the LTP submissions mean that Laurie doesn't have time to meet prior to the end of the month, however she heard your submission on Tuesday and appreciated hearing from you.

Ngā mihi

s7(2)(f)(ii) (she/her)
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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 10:38 AM
To: Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <laurie.foon@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Keep the Airport Ours - Poll and Coffee Meeting

Kia ora Laurie,

You would have seen the poll this morning showing that **74% of Wellingtonians** are against the sale of the airport. Our poll also found that **84% of the Paekawakawa / Southern Ward constituency** are against it.

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Cheers, Unions Wellington Committee

From: Councillor Teri O'Neill
To: Unions Wellington
Subject: Re:
Date: Sunday, 26 May 2024 9:44:02 pm

Sounds great thank you !

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From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 26, 2024 9:11:34 PM
To: Councillor Teri O'Neill <Teri.O'Neill@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re:

Hey Teri,

We can do 11. Would you be able to meet at Robbiez (level 7, Fujitsu Tower)?

S7(2)(a)

On Sun, May 26, 2024 at 10:31 AM Councillor Teri O'Neill <Teri.O'Neill@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:
Apologies I forgot to reply! Ah! Does sometime around 10 or 11 suit you ?

Teri
S7(2)(1)(i)

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 3:07 PM
To: Councillor Teri O'Neill <Teri.O'Neill@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re:

Hey Teri,

Sounds great. Is there a time that suits you best?

S7(2)(a)

On Mon, May 20, 2024 at 4:49 PM Councillor Teri O'Neill <Teri.O'Neill@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:
yo thank you - happy to meet up , I could do a coffee on monday 27th if that suits ?
Ngā mihi maoha,

Teri O'Neill
(Proposals)
Wellington City Councillor | Te Motukairangi Eastern Ward
Chair, Kōrau Mātinini Social Cultural, and Economic Committee

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Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 10:44 AM
To: Councillor Teri O'Neill <teri.oneill@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject:

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From: [Councillor Nikau Wi Neera](#)
To: [Unions Wellington](#)
Subject: Re: Amendment
Date: Tuesday, 28 May 2024 9:43:52 am
Attachments: [Outline-wr060121.png](#)

Nope, all good. He's seen it.

Please get him ASAP - things are moving very quickly.

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Nikau Wi Neera
[Ngāti Toa](#), [Kāi Tahu](#), [Ngāpuhi](#), [Ngāti Pāhauwera](#)
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Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2024 09:43
To: Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Amendment

Hi Nikau,

Thanks for showing Finn and I your amendment yesterday. We are hoping to meet Tony sometime before Thurs. Is there anything about your amendment that you would rather we not share with him?

Cheers

 s7(2)(a)

From: [Councillor Ray Chung](#)
To: s7(2)(f)(ii)
Subject: FW: Keep the Airport Ours - Poll and Meeting
Date: Friday, 21 June 2024 5:30:38 pm

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 9:31 AM
To: Councillor Ray Chung <Ray.Chung@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Keep the Airport Ours - Poll and Meeting

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s7(2)(a)

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Great catching up today

Cheers Ray

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Councillor Onslow-Western
Wellington City Council

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2024 9:00:22 AM
To: Councillor Ray Chung <ray.chung@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Keep the Airport Ours - Poll and Meeting

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Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 3:54 PM

To: Councillor Ray Chung <ray.chung@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Keep the Airport Ours - Poll and Meeting

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Thanks,

s7(2)(a)

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Cheers, Ray

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To: Councillor Ray Chung <ray.chung@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Keep the Airport Ours - Poll and Meeting

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From: [Councillor Ray Chung](#)
To: s7(2)(f)(ii)
Subject: FW: Keep the Airport Ours - Poll and Meeting
Date: Friday, 21 June 2024 5:44:04 pm

From: Councillor Ray Chung <ray.chung@wcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 8:24 PM
To: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Keep the Airport Ours - Poll and Meeting

Hi s7(2)(a)

Yes, do get hold of Tony as the councillors who want to sell are rallying their votes to try to pull this through. They tried to get me to join them as they said the assets will be protected from the councillors who want to get the funds for their own pet projects but I'm not convinced and haven't changed my position.

You only have tomorrow to talk with Tony as the LTP meeting is on Thursday!

I think Nikau's amendment is the worse of both worlds and demonstrates that he knows nothing about finance.

Cheers, Ray

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 6:13 PM
To: Councillor Ray Chung <ray.chung@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Keep the Airport Ours - Poll and Meeting

Hi Ray,

We haven't been able to, I will follow up again. We definitely need to speak to him!

What do you think of the amendment Nīkau has put forward?

s7(2)(a)

On Tue, 28 May 2024 at 6:11 PM, Councillor Ray Chung <ray.chung@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi s7(2)(a)

Have you spoken with Tony yet as he's looking at voting to sell the shares now!

Cheers, Ray

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 7:35 PM

To: Councillor Ray Chung <ray.chung@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Keep the Airport Ours - Poll and Meeting

Hi Ray

Yes, that time works perfect for us. We're also aware that Tony Randle is with us on this and that you have a relationship with him. We haven't met him yet so we were wondering if you want to bring him along as well?

Cheers

s7(2)(a)

On Sat, 18 May 2024, 22:18 Councillor Ray Chung, <ray.chung@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

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Subject: FW: Keep the Airport Ours - Poll and Meeting
Date: Friday, 21 June 2024 5:44:38 pm

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 12:13 PM
To: Councillor Ray Chung <Ray.Chung@wcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Councillor Tony Randle <tony.randle@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Keep the Airport Ours - Poll and Meeting

Hi Ray,

That's fine - we are in Whanganui today but can chat by phone. Tony, are you available to do that some time this afternoon?

Cheers

On Tue, 28 May 2024, 22:07 Councillor Ray Chung, <Ray.Chung@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi [s7\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Do you mean me or Tony?

We both have a 9-12.30 Social, Cultural and Economic meeting tomorrow

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From: [Unions Wellington](#)
To: [Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon](#); [Councillor Teri O'Neill](#); [Councillor Nīkau Wi Neera](#); [Councillor Ben McNulty](#); [Councillor Rebecca Matthews](#); [Councillor Nureddin Abdurahman](#); [Geordie Rogers](#)
Subject: Vote to Keep the Airport Ours Tomorrow!
Date: Wednesday, 29 May 2024 11:06:22 pm

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Thank you for your leadership through the Long-term Plan process, and your engagement with our campaign to keep the airport ours. We acknowledge the proposed sale of the public shareholding in Wellington's airport has been a complex and contentious issue. Your willingness to understand the intrinsic value of public ownership of strategic assets is greatly appreciated, as demonstrated by your commitment to the community not to sell the airport at our Public Forum in April.

Unions Wellington and our allies, as a collective of local union members and whānau from the wider community, have run a passionate campaign against the sale. We have made submissions, held a public action, surveyed local residents, and presented our case in the public sphere. Ultimately, the decision to protect this strategic asset from privatisation rests with you.

Thank you for hearing the 74% of Wellingtonians who oppose selling our airport. We look forward to working with you collaboratively and constructively as we keep building a city we can all be proud of.

Ngā mihi,
Unions Wellington & Allies

From: [Councillor Ray Chung](#)
To: [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)
Subject: FW: Some notes
Date: Friday, 21 June 2024 5:46:15 pm

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 1:06 PM
To: Councillor Ray Chung <ray.chung@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Some notes

Thanks for your message Ray. We are a little heartbroken but you're right, we're not at the end of the line just yet.

Thank you so much for your allegiance on this issue.

We will definitely be taking this to the next council elections.

Cheers

On Fri, 31 May 2024, 12:13 Councillor Ray Chung, <ray.chung@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi [s7\(2\)\(a\)](#)

As you will no doubt be, I'm very disappointed with the voter yesterday! I'm still hopeful that we'll be able to have a last-ditch attempt to stop this before the decision is made as both of the unelected iwi representatives won't be able to vote but we need to change two of the councillors who voted for this otherwise Tory will use her casting vote to push this through despite the convention that any chair when faced with a split vote, votes for the status quo!

As an obvious comment on this, you could send a note to all your members telling them to put pressure onto all the councillors who voted for this and threaten not to vote for them next year!

Cheers, Ray

From: Unions Wellington <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 12:27 PM
To: Councillor Ray Chung <ray.chung@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Some notes

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From: **Unions Wellington** <unionswellington@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, 30 May 2024, 12:24
Subject: Some notes
To: <ray.chung@wellington.govt.nz>, <tony.randle@wcc.govt.nz>

Hey both

We are just in the lobby, would you be able to come out for a quick chat?

Cheers

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From: [Union: Wellington](#)
To: [Councillor Nikau Wi Neera](#)
Subject: Re: Proposed Amendment: Airport Share Sale
Date: Friday, 31 May 2024 2:45:27 pm
Attachments: [Outlook:0054023.png](#)
[Outlook:0054023.png](#)

Hi Nikau,

Just wanted to get in touch to say thank you. We are so grateful for your bravery and principle over this campaign. Looking forward to a long and productive relationship.

In solidarity

[57\(2\)\(b\)](#) and Union: Wellington

On Tue, 28 May 2024, 10:10 Councillor Nikau Wi Neera, <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:
Morena colleagues,

I am proposing to raise the following amendment at our meeting this Thursday.

As we are all aware, there is a great deal of anxiety in our community and organisation regarding our exposure to risk from a natural disaster. However, there is a corresponding anxiety regarding the possibility of losing our financial and governance stake in Wellington's only airport. The sale of any public asset is a cause of concern for many, and the benefits of retaining this natural monopoly are significant.

I am sure many of you are keen for a way to resolve this very difficult tension.

Therefore, I am proposing an alternative. I propose that we adopt a more *gradual* approach, noting that there is simply no way to solve the problem in the short term - even with a full sale. Hence, I suggest we both **retain our shares and create a Perpetual Investment Fund**, the latter to be protected by legislation and built up over the years via investment from a portion of dividends, ground leases, and any other measures which a Mayoral Taskforce on Insurance may recommend.

The wording is below:

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. **Note** that a sale of WCC's shares in WIAL would likely result in an initial capital gain of \$0.45-0.5M with which to establish the fund, out of a required \$2.5-3B.
2. **Note** that Council has chosen to mitigate risks presented by a 1-in-1000-year event.
3. **Note** that any solution to WCC's insurance challenges will necessarily need to be long term.
4. **Agree** to retain 100% of WCC's shares in WIAL.
5. **Agree** to establish a Perpetual Investment Fund (PIF).
6. **Agree** to fund the establishment of the PIF with a combination of:
 1. 2/3 of the paid annual dividend from WIAL or the dollar equivalent of 2% of rates, whichever is lower.
 2. The rationalisation of our Ground Lease portfolio as such leases come up for review.
 3. Any other method which a Taskforce may recommend.
7. **Agree** to create a Mayoral Taskforce on Insurance, charged with the mandate of finding novel methods to mitigate Wellington's exposure to risk in the event of a natural disaster.
8. **Advocate** to Central Government to work with Council and its Taskforce in discharging its mandate.
9. **Advocate** to the Local MPs for Wellington for a Local Bill to protect the PIF from being drawn upon in any other scenario but a significant natural disaster.
10. **Develop**, in partnership with our mana whenua partners, a new governance strategy according to which Council will utilise its seats on the WIAL board.

I am open to questions and further conversation. Thank you for your consideration.

Nei rā te mihi ki a kōrua i mahi ana i mua ake,
Nikau

Nikau Wi Neera
[Ngāhi Toa Kāi Tahu Ngāpuhi Ngāi Pāhauwera](#)
Wellington City Councillor | Te Whanganui-a-Tara Māori Ward
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Me Heke Kī Pōneke

From: Councillor Tim Brown <Tim.Brown@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 7:25 PM

To: BUS: EMSA <EMSA@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: LGOIMA IRC-6578 - Communications with Unions Wellington

s7(2)(f)(ii)

Can you please look through my emails. I have had several exchanges

I can confirm that I met with a number of Unions Wellington reps on 21st March and I participated in their public meeting of 17th April

Tim