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By email to: hamish.rutherford@fairfaxmedia.co.nz

Dear Mr Rutherford

### **Official Information Request Response**

Thank you for your information request, received by Richard MacLean on 1 February 2016, requesting copies of the following:

**'any written material used by WCC chief executive Kevin Lavery in coming to his decision to provide marketing support to the proposed Wellington-Canberra-Singapore air service from the Destination Wellington fund'.**

As I advised in my email of 24 February 2016, I have been working with the relevant Council Officers to compile the information requested. To that end, please accept my apology for the time it has taken to provide you with this information.

The subsidy to Singapore Airlines is to come from 'Destination Wellington' funding under the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency, which is used to promote Wellington internationally as a place to live, learn and do business.

Please find the following documents attached –

'Capital Gains' PowerPoint - from discussion between Wellington City Council, Wellington International Airport Limited, Canberra Airport and Singapore Airlines

'Destination Wellington – Route development and marketing support' document – provided to WCC by WIAL

'Route Development Opportunity – Key Points' – WCC internal discussion statements

'Connecting Wellington to Singapore and Beyond' PowerPoint – There are two versions of this PowerPoint:

- 1 – Chief Executive's presentation to WCC Mayor and Councillors.
- 2 – PowerPoint provided to the Regional Mayors by the Chief Executive.

Please note that some information has been withheld from the 'Capital Gains', 'Destination Wellington' and 'Route Development' documents, and version 1 of the 'Connecting Wellington' PowerPoint, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), section 7(2)(b)(ii), to protect information where the making available of

the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of Singapore Airlines.

If you disagree with the decision to withhold information, you can apply in writing to the Ombudsman to have the decision investigated and reviewed under section 27 (3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Brown', written in a cursive style.

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