



22 February 2018

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Todd Niall
Radio New Zealand
By email: Todd.Niall@radionz.co.nz

Dear Todd

Local Government Official Information And Meetings Act 1987

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I refer to your information request, which we received verbally on 22 January 2018, in which you requested “copies of emails, correspondence etc between the Mayor and the Environment Minister - in both directions - on the America's Cup base options”, from 1 January 2018. I refer also to my email of 20 February 2018 in which I advised you of an extension of time to respond to your request.

We have identified two pieces of relevant correspondence. Please find these attached.

Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, as withholding is necessary to enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101 or rosie.judd@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, quoting LGOIMA No. 8140002442.

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right by way of complaint, under section 27(3) of the LGOIMA, to apply to the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of this decision.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Judd
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20 January 2018

Mayor Phil Goff
<Phil.Goff@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>

Dear Phil,

As you are aware, my officials have been further investigating the feasibility of the Wynyard Point location housing more of the syndicate bases needed for Auckland's potential hosting of the 36th America's Cup.

You will recall that your officials rejected this possibility, stating this was in large part because of hazardous substance concerns arising from the adjacent tank farms to the north and south of the area currently leased to ASB as a car park.

We wanted to ensure that this option is fully investigated, as it has the potential to save tens of millions of dollars, while substantially avoiding the Halsey wharf intrusion into the harbour. The obvious environmental benefits of preserving harbour open space would also make consenting the desired works easier.

We have made significant progress in co-operation with Stolthaven s 7(2)(i) .

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My officials have also been in dialogue with Stolthaven, who have also been helpful. They have in writing stated a willingness to move off the southern tank farm site s 7(2)(i)

This would largely resolve HSNO issues. It would also remove an issue under the Basin option (which includes bases on the side of Wynyard Point) around how to move the transfer pipeline.

The overall construction cost savings to New Zealand from this option are substantial and were previously estimated by Panuku to run into tens of millions of dollars, s 7(2)(i)

The Wynyard Point option has the potential to create a positive legacy for Auckland (and New Zealand) by bringing forward the regeneration of Wynyard Wharf, creating open spaces once the event concludes, while also protecting open space in the harbour. It provides hosting options for future defences of the Cup and other events.

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My officials appreciate that Panuku has made available their consultants to help evaluate the Point option. It is essential that your and my officials now work together to fully and urgently explore remaining issues around the Wynyard Point option.

I'm advised that we should then be able to have a substantive conversation about the options by the end of next week.

Yours sincerely,

Hon David Parker
Minister for Economic Development

22 January 2018

Hon David Parker
Minister for Economic Development
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

BY EMAIL

Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 20 January, regarding the work underway to explore the feasibility of the Wynyard Point location for the 2021 America's Cup defence in Auckland.

I agree with your comment in the Herald on 16 January that while it may not work out it is certainly worth looking at further, particularly in light of Stolthaven's new offer, which appears different to that which was conveyed to council officers late last year. If it reduces costs and the size of the Halsey Street wharf extension those are definite positives, though time constraints and the views of Emirates Team New Zealand also need to be factored in.

I have an open mind on this, and I have asked the Chief Executive of Auckland Council and Panuku to work with MBIE officials to help evaluate it, and other outstanding issues in relation to Wynyard Point.

I have now seen Stolthaven's recent email to MBIE. There are clearly still some uncertainties and issues that need to be worked through with them, and our officials, before their final position can be determined. Officials are meeting tomorrow with Stolthaven.

Council and Panuku officers have consistently advised me that the time pressures we face in terms of securing a viable venue for the 2021 defence are acute. There is no scope for delay if we are to complete the consenting and other processes necessary meet Emirates Team New Zealand's timelines for commencing base construction.

It is therefore critical that we conclude the feasibility work around the Wynyard Point option as quickly as possible; and reach an agreed position on a preferred venue for the defence as the basis for us moving forward in a joined-up way.

A joined-up approach – including in our discussions with external stakeholders like Stolthaven – is necessary to deliver the best economic, environmental, legacy and reputational outcomes for Auckland and New Zealand.

I share your view fully that our decision-making must be informed by coherent and comprehensive advice from our officials and other key stakeholders. MBIE and Council

officials have been working together in the Joint Executive Steering Group for months now. However, information does not always appear to have been presented to both of us in a timely or consistent manner.

In my email and phone message in late December, I suggested that you and I meet with relevant Council and MBIE officials to ensure that all available information was presented to us, and to provide an opportunity to robustly test officials' planning assumptions and conclusions.

While this was not possible then, I believe that a meeting, which also includes Emirates Team New Zealand, is important to provide us with an opportunity to examine outstanding issues around Wynyard Point, with all of relevant players around the table. Ideally, such a meeting would also provide us the basis for agreeing a joined-up process and timeline for finalising our preferred option.

I understand that you are travelling from tomorrow until the end of this week, but if you agree my office will work with yours and ETNZ, to convene such a meeting as soon as possible next week.

In the meantime, I am advised by Council Officers that it would be prudent given the time pressures we are under, to progress the current resource consent and procurement processes for Wynyard Basin. This maintains this as a viable option, should it not be possible to progress the Wynyard Point option.

All the best for your upcoming travel.

Yours sincerely,



Phil Goff
Mayor of Auckland