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Request from:	Private Individual
Information requested:	Email correspondence from Mayor Bruce Smith re "vaccines"
Response by:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

21 February 2022

Private Individual

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

Official information request for email correspondence from Mayor Bruce Smith re “vaccines”

I refer to your official information request dated 02 January 2022 for email correspondence from Mayor Bruce Smith re “vaccines”.

The information you have requested is enclosed.

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Sincerely,



Simon Bastion | Chief Executive

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From: [Bruce Smith](#)

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Good Afternoon [REDACTED].

I have livened up the link on youtube for you as well.

Bruce Smith Westland Mayor Guest speaker for the Waipukurau Rotary club. Monday the 18th of Oct 2021
The theme tonight is about democracy. Link to live speech.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RpZb2b2nGo8>

Script.

Thanks for the chance to be your guest speaker this evening its and its an honour.

My wifes family have lived on taradale road in Napier for decades so the district is a place my family has a connection to.

Are you concerned about the way our freedoms and democracy is being undermined by stealth at present?

Do you feel we are being herded like sheep under the cover of Covid-19 towards more and more Central government control.

Some say It's time to push back as we in New Zealand are one people and the power rests with us, as is the responsibility to act to preserve democracy when things get out of hand.

For the record I have no desire or intention to become involved in central government politics as any form of candidate as I find the current wellington scene very distasteful.

Like me you will have seen that Government is now looking at yet another reform this time its local Government and it joins seven other reforms all targeted to be fully in place by the 1st of July 2024. Why the date why the haste?

Having read the He Paupua report many months ago and watching whats been said against whats actually happening,, its my observation that it's a foundation document for the current government who went to extreme lengths to ensure its contents remained unknown to voters before the last elections.

Even its coalition partners were unaware of it being presented in draft to Minister Mahuta.

The report was commissioned by this government to create a pathway to implement the UN declaration on the rights for indigenous people (now referred to as first peoples) which was signed by John Key in 2010.

The report received proposes separation of many services based on race. Thats already well under way with health services just one example.

It proposes co governance with iwi of all aspects of the management of resources and it seeks to have royalties paid to iwi for their use.

We are one nation and Maori make up about 17% of the population nation wide leaving 83% being non maori.

That in itself creates a problem as no country in the world have been able to survive a minority right of veto over the people.

It is ironical that govt want to have three waters and local govt to have equal governance with mana whenua (50/50) and this looks to be their push under the LG review, yet they don't give 50% of their votes to iwi in parliament.

The Maori electorates give iwi a voice proportionate to their numbers in the country.
There is the attack under cover on private property rights where government wants YOUR land protected for the people of New Zealand
this is how they think they will do it.
Its called snas where on the coast 87% of the land is doc controlled and non rated, of the remaining 13% which is private land 33% has been identified as an sna.
natural hazards or
outstanding natural landscape or
sites of significance to Maori or
outstanding natural feature or
outstanding natural characteristic.
If your private land gets designated under any of these categories you will require a resource consent to make changes to your land.
Its important to link the bits together
In the draft bill for the Environment and build act which is being consulted on at present there is a clause that establishes 14 regional plans for New Zealand.
Every bit of legislation this government is pushing through is connected together with the ultimate aim of shifting New Zealand away from local control to central government control shared with IWI.
The draft bill sets out a new way that notified resource consents will be heard.
At present your Council appoints commissioners to a hearing panel.
Under the Environment and build act a new planning committee is established.
Govt will appoint an independent Chair person.
Doc will appoint a member,
IWI will appoint members
and your district Councils will appoint a member.
The councils that represent all of the people will be in a minority position.

The ability to act in the local interest would be removed by this planning committee and they will become a lapdog for which ever minister has an interest.
The costs paid for by the applicant will be huge and unsustainable and land owners will lose their private property right to earn an income from their private land.
In common law a fundamental right.
Some say that the Labour governments intention is to reduce the number of Councils from 67 to 14.
In my opinion that would collapse our democratic system.
Like everything this government does our people will not be consulted until the decisions are made and then there will be a claytons consultation.

Like many councils did with three waters I advocated to have all Councils in New Zealand seek feedback from their ratepayers when a proposal from central government is material and was not disclosed in detail during an election.
That includes what level of democracy should be local and what level should be central government.
That's because It all starts and finishes with the way taxes from all sources are spent and by whom
I doubt that there's 1% of the people in our country that supports a communism style of control and yet the evidence shows we are moving in that direction.

let's have a look at the countries that have a bottom-up democracy and do it very well.
Of the 11 countries the best performer is Switzerland where 13% of the tax take is spent by central government and the balance by district councils and local boards.
germany is 19%
Finland is 29%
denmark is 31%
korea is 41%
the United States of America is 54%
Greece is 54%
Iceland is 55%

The republic of Ireland is 72%

The UK is 72%

And the country that where central government continues to increase the percentage spent from taxes raised is yes, you guessed it right New Zealand at 88%

When you get to 100% you have a communist regime.

Its clear that one size does not fit all as it results in regional disparities and you're seeing it out there as clear as a bell in the three waters discussions.

These discussions have lost a lot of credibility with the public with LGNZ signing without consulting its members an agreement not to object if Govt mandates the confiscation of your three water assets.

Its been made worse by LGNZ appointing mayors to the 3 water steering groups who support the reforms.

They in turn have turned into the disciples of reform and none have seen why their community should have been engaged and this when the quantity of information we are bombarded with from dia and lgnz has reached a level that is insane. We dump it all on councils web site.

I have concerns that the Government's advisors have disregarded fundamental aspects of local government in New Zealand. In particular, that:

local authorities own and control assets on behalf of their local communities;

local authorities have the right and obligation to utilise those assets to achieve the purposes of local government, and to achieve the objectives of other applicable laws;

local authorities are accessible to their community and democratically responsible for their control and utilisation of the assets;

assets owned by local authorities reflect investment by generations of ratepayers within their districts;

local authorities are in a fiduciary position vis-à-vis their ratepayers, and must exercise their powers prudently and with proper regard to the views of their communities.

Secondly, it appears to me that the Government's advice may have disregarded the general principles which require respect for property rights, and full compensation where such rights are removed.

Such compensation should be full and objectively assessed, determined if necessary by the courts or an independent adjudicator.

we have all noted the Government has underway a "public information and education campaign". the dirty trout cartoon which cost 3.5 million dollars.

My question,,, is that campaign both fair and informative.

In particular, there should be acknowledgement of the fundamental role of local government,

The points above I have raised are consistent with the principles and provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 and the general law.

As a general rule Countries that are centralised tend to be left leaning and less wealthy and have lower standards of living.

I want you to compare New Zealand to the 11 countries set out and you will see we are at the bottom of the list.

There is no need for that, again the power is with the people and this rush to 100% government control is evidenced clearly by the tax takes being spent by central government and it can and must be reversed

Government has for a number of years pushed unfunded obligations down to Local governments ratepayers who then must pay increased rates to cover the extra costs imposed.

On the west coast government passed legislation to require a one district plan.

Some were horrified as the cost was said to be close to one million dollars

Well we are at 4.4 million and could well exceed 7 million when challenges head to the environment court.

Our total population is 33400

Unfunded obligations like this need to be funded by central government as this will ensure they look carefully at what the cost impact will be as THEY rather than councils will need to increase the tax take.

I see some calling on every political party to consider their future position in relation to placing an obligation on every minister to root out any form of legislation, policy and rules that in any way divides New Zealand into two tribes and shifts freedom and control away from our local population.

Many want to hear political parties confirm the commitment to FREEDOM and to Confirm that we are one people as a fundamental basis of our democracy.

You like me have heard the call to Confirm the principle of one man one vote

Many New Zealanders are seeking to establish a priority for Oil and Gas and Coal and reverse the current unsustainable energy policy position.

As New Zealanders we must fight to maintain private property rights another fundamental right our fathers and grand fathers fought for in world wars.

I can see why so many are calling for New Zealand to walk away from any united nation agreement that is not in the best interest of New Zealand.

We are a sovereign country not obliged to the United Nations which has failed to perform on so many levels and gets high jacked by those with an agenda.

Its hard to argue with those that want to Revoke the ETS as a priority and some political parties have already put a line in the sand.

The He Puapau report should never have been funded let alone allowed to darken the doors of our current ministers.

While it will of course appeal to those extremists amongst maori they are a very small minority ,it wont get support from most IWI or the rest of the country.

For me I say lets start with the intended three waters and Local Government reforms at present being driven from the top down and go out to our ratepayers engage

Lets have a meaning full discussion on the options going forward with the full support of LGNZ acting in the interests of its members unlike the three waters debacle.

Shift the disciples of reform aside and get some balance in.

To finish I want to reinforce my opinion that the power is with the people

and silence where democracy is threatened is unforgivable.

Thank You

Kind Regards

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Hello Mayor Smith,

In digging out material on Binding Citizens Initiative Referendum, I have found some articles of interest but as there are several pages I will get them printed off when out of Lock-down and next time you are up our way we can have ready for you.

The 1990 "Report of the Electoral Law Reform Committee to Caucus" from Parliament House. Nick Smith's Submission to the National Party Caucus Committee on Electoral Reform" 1990 and "Coalition of Concerned Citizens NZ - Voters Voice" submission to the Electoral Law Select Committee 1990 would be of interest to you.

I have attached some articles on Binding CIR as well as 2 on the forced amalgamation of Local Bodies in 1988 - 89. I have numerous cuttings from the Nelson Mail and "Letters to Editor" from 1988 - 89 which are very revealing. Included is the Government Commission Poll which was gerrymandered to give the result Government intended. Only those in the Survey that sent in Opposing the Amalgamation of the Tasman District Council were counted.

Quote - "If you supported the proposal -- **don't return your survey paper.** If you like the proposal, but not some of the specifics -- **you need not return your survey paper.** If you oppose the proposal -- **complete and return your survey paper.**"

Because there is always a low voting turn-out at any Local Body Election, only those that Opposed were counted as against the Amalgamation, all others on the Voting Roll whether you had voted or not, were counted as for the proposed Amalgamation!!!

When you read the threats given in the paper to councils by [REDACTED] if they wouldn't fall into line and Amalgamate, it shows the contempt and to what lengths Government will go to overrule and force their will on others.

There is a lesson here for us today, with the Three Waters reforms and United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, Article 26

Regards.

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Local Govt Amalgation 1988

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Local Government Measure

Iniquitous

The Government is pushing the Local Government Amendment Bill through Parliament this month. The bill will give the cabinet (in its role as the executive arm of government) the power to abolish local authorities, and to force them to amalgamate against their wishes.

Many well-run districts, such as Devonport, Glen Eden and Howick, the councils of which have given excellent service to their residents over many years, will be abolished. Even if 99 per cent of residents in a district oppose what the cabinet wants, their wishes will be over-riden.

Local communities will have no status, no voice in decisions made, no vote and no appeal rights. The new powers conferred on the cabinet will be the most undemocratic and iniquitous in the country's history.

In treating local authorities so contemptuously, the Government is abandoning important principles that it has placed so much emphasis on at other times:

- Executive power procedures will be used improperly.
- Open government will be discarded.
- Democracy will be replaced by Government decree.

● Citizens' rights of appeal to the High Court will be lost.

Government members seem to be unaware of the

keen supporters of local body reform are strongly opposed to the draconian powers in the bill.

Decisions In Secret

The Prime Minister and his deputy have strongly opposed the expansion of executive power by previous Governments.

When the bill becomes law, order-in-council procedures will extend into new and unprecedented areas. Important local government restructuring and constitutional matters will be decided, not by Parliament, but by the cabinet, in secret.

The best authority on the dangers inherent in this misuse of power is the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Palmer, who told Parliament on December 16, 1982:

"Parliament is supposed to be supreme. What the Government says in the bill is that Parliament should surrender that supremacy to the executive branch of the Government. That really is objectionable, and it does not require very much knowledge to see

Parliament to the Executive. That is a conscious denigration of Parliament ...

"In pure unvarnished terms, that is the aim of the Government, to take power away from Parliament, and give it to itself. The Government may not want people to understand that, because it is very objectionable. The bill also shows another lamentable tendency of the Government, that is a refusal to accept court decisions that go against its wishes. It is repugnant that laws passed by Parliament can be wiped out by a stroke of the Governor-General's pen."

Mr Palmer's criticism related to economic matters, which are of less importance than constitutional issues.

The present Government made a very strong commitment to extend "open government" at all levels of public administration.

The Local Government Bill is a complete negation of open government. Important constitutional issues that are basic to the democratic system of government are going to be decided in the secrecy of

perience or knowledge of local government.

The decisions made by the Executive will affect the lives of all citizens and will have a direct bearing on the rights of local communities to run their own affairs. Despite this, the public will be denied access to meetings where decisions are to be made.

So much for the Government's promise to have more "open government."

Replaced By Decrees

Under the new laws, traditional democratic procedures for dealing with local government reform will be replaced by Government decree.

The rights of residents, and of the general public, to present views on proposed changes, to vote on amalgamation schemes and to appeal against decisions with which they disagree are to be taken away.

The Government is pushing ahead with these undemocratic measures despite its very strong commitment in its pre-

election manifesto to expand democracy and to give ordinary people a greater voice in running their own affairs. The heavy-handed policies to intervene in the affairs of local bodies contrasts sharply with the Government's non-interventionist policies in other areas of management.

Under present law, the decisions of the Local Government Commission, which was appointed by

government policies, could be challenged in the High Court on points of law and also where the principles of natural justice had been breached. The new bill takes away this right.

The commission is a judicial body. It is bound to act impartially and without preconceived bias. Since the present Government assumed office the minister and the commission have revealed a marked bias against small local bodies and in favour of larger ones.

Contempt For Rights

Compelling evidence shows the principles of natural justice have been breached. For example, the commission has advised some local bodies of decisions made by it, even though the statutory procedures have not been followed.

Some have been told that they must negotiate an amalgamation with their neighbour, or they will be forced to do so. There has been a contempt for the statutory rights of local bodies and others.

The only way for the minister and his commission to avoid serious humiliation in the High Court, for breaches of natural justice, was to enact laws abolishing the appeal rights of citizens and councils.

The real motivation behind the minister's moves to "fast-track" local body reform must be questioned. Was he afraid

By FRED THOMAS, former Mayor of Takapuna, chairman of the Auckland Regional Authority and president of the Municipal Association.

losing his cabinet post? In the short term the minister may survive; in the longer term, he has done great harm to his party and to the Government.

Who is ever going to listen to today's leaders, in future, when they make promises of more democracy, more open government, and the protection of citizens' rights? They have forfeited public trust. The Local Government Bill discredits them completely.

Under the new law, the cabinet will have unbridled power to put into place Labour's "Think

Big" plans for local government. There is widespread belief that the Government wants larger units because it is easier for party politics to infiltrate large organisations than smaller ones.

The new "fast-track" procedures will eliminate debate on the advantages and disadvantages of big and small local bodies.

There is an assumption in high places that small local bodies are less efficient and less effective than larger ones. This is untrue. There is much evidence to show that many smaller councils have performed much better than their larger neighbours.

Amalgamation Unfair

Take, for example, the three small boroughs in West Auckland, which have better services, lower rates and lower loan indebtedness than their large neighbour. It would be grossly unfair for them to be forced into an amalgamation against their wishes.

Where economies of scale are achieved through size, they are usually offset by greater accountability in smaller authorities.

Critics love to accuse small councils of being narrow and parochial. It is strange, then, that Auckland's small councils got behind Aotea Centre, while the two largest authorities, Manukau and Waitemata Cities, refused to contribute.

There is a wealth of information to commend the performance of small local bodies and to condemn the performance of larger ones. By keeping such matters on a secret cabinet agenda, the Government is spared the embarrassment of having to prove that big really is beautiful.

Having seen the fast track used on local government, New Zealanders can now wait and see who will be next.

Overseas Experience

A similar plan for local body amalgamation has been operating across the Tasman in Australia. During a battle over local amalgamations in Tasmania one Councillor, Mr. H.G. Brooks, from St. Leonards — one of the councils destined to be amalgamated despite overwhelmingly voting against — published a special four-page paper for his ratepayers, setting out a cogent argument for the survival of his council. Included was a summary of evidence previously presented by the New South Wales Local Government Association in a 1977 booklet. The following is printed with acknowledgement to Mr. Brooks:

"Amalgamation, or so-called rationalisation of municipal boundaries, is not a problem exclusive to Tasmania. It has been studied, studied and discussed in many parts of Australia and the world over many years. And almost everywhere it has been tried, the results have been disastrous. Let's take a look at some of these results.

"In England and Wales, the Walker Local Government Act of 1972 recommended drastic reductions in the number of local authorities. When the change was implemented in 1974, 1400 separate authorities were amalgamated to leave just 422. The changes have since been universally condemned.

"The distinguished English academic, Mr. L.J. Sharpe, who spent many years studying local government, summed up the disillusionment of the British people four years after the changes were made. He wrote: 'Never perhaps in the modern era has a structural change in British government become so unpopular so quickly as the Walker Local Government Act of 1972. Apart from Mr. Walker himself, it is hard to find anyone to defend it. For many, the Act is seen as the root of all the major problems now besetting local government, including over-financing, over-spending and overtaxing as well as the actual malfunctioning of the system itself. In short, the Walker Act seems to have been a gigantic and expensive error.'

THE LAYFIELD REPORT

"The Layfield Report of 1976", Mr. Brooks article went on to say "which, summed up the findings of a committee of inquiry into British Local Government finances, had this to say:

"'In April 1974, domestic ratepayers' in England and Wales received the first rate demands from the newly constituted municipal authorities. The demands contained an unprecedented increase in the bill compared with previous years. This increase was 30% in most areas with some areas facing rises up to 150%.'

"In America, there are four times as many local authorities on a population basis as there are in Australia. The average municipal region in America embraces 3,000 residents, whereas the average in Australia is 16,400 (In New Zealand it is 7,000 according to the Statistics Department).

"In Germany, official studies have set the most efficient local authority as a figure of 8,000 residents. In Norway it is about 8,500; in Italy 6,500; in France about 1,300, and in Belgium about 16,000.

"The city of Adelaide, that is the area inside the belt of suburbs surrounding the city centre, has a population of only 100,000 and yet it is run efficiently and the city council has no desire to take over parts of the suburb cities which surround it.

"In an address to the American Political Science Association in Washington in 1977, Mr. Max Frenkel, of the Joint Centre for Federal and Regional Studies in Switzerland, concluded that 'bigger government is more often than not more expensive government'.

"He pointed out that since the amalgamation reforms in Britain, staff numbers had increased 10% in two years. 'Where there are cutbacks, it tends to be the services, not the staff, which get the chop,' he said.

"There is little evidence, he said, to support the idea that boundary changes to increase efficiency ever prove effective.

"Another expert who repeatedly warns against the belief that bigger is better is Dr. Michael Jones, senior lecturer in administrative studies at the Canberra College of Advanced

Education and the author of "Housing and Poverty in Australia", "The Australian Welfare State" and "Australian Local Government". He says: "The assumption that amalgamations will produce economies of scale has been one of the crucial assumptions of almost all inquiries into local government in Australia". But again, he says, experience shows the reverse.

"On the same subject, "A History of Local Government", by Brian Keith Lucas and Peter Richards reports: 'Experience shows that these much publicised and expected economies simply did not appear. Neither did expected economies in staff. Instead staff increased, as did administration costs.'

"Even the 1961 report of a Select Committee of the House of Assembly in Tasmania had to admit: 'Unfortunately, evidence does not uphold the argument that the bigger the municipality, the more efficient it becomes.'

"Giving evidence to the West Australian Royal Commission on metropolitan district boundaries Professor R.C. Gates, of the University of Queensland, had this to say: 'Beyond a threshold population of between 10,000 and 20,000, value for money is inversely related to the size of the municipal unit.'"
(End of Brooks article)

READERS DO CARE ABOUT AMALGAMATION

(Reprinted from Auckland's "Central Leader", April 22, 1986)

Oops! Some people do care about their future. Following our poll and story on the apathy of people towards local body amalgamation ("Central Leader", April 8) we've been swamped with letters.

And we've received more than 120 coupons we ran with the story calling for amalgamation views. Not surprisingly, the vast majority of people want their city or borough to stay as it is. Only nine people want to amalgamate with neighbours. A breakdown of the response from each area is: Mt Roskill (49), Mt Albert (8), Mt Eden (18), Onehunga (21) and One Tree Hill (28). There were 28 replies from One Tree Hill residents, 16 from people in the Garland Rd-Ferguson Ave area which came in together.

Of those who aren't happy with things the way they are, six from Mt Roskill and there was one each from Onehunga, Mt Eden and One Tree Hill. Their reasons for wanting a change included "There'd be less hangers-on (in the council)," and "Bigger is more efficient." And replies are still trickling in. We now plan to send the coupons to the Local Government Commission so it will have an indication (albeit relatively small) of how people in Central Auckland feel about amalgamation.

SUGGESTED ACTION PROGRAMME

It has been often said that the problem correctly stated is the problem already half solved. No effective action against the forced amalgamation programme is possible without first having a clear understanding of the issue.

We must begin with the basic appreciation that governments do not belong to Members of Parliament or Councillors. Parliamentarians and Councillors are representatives; their correct function is to RE-present the views of their constituents. All those believing in freedom know that the proper place of government, whether Local or Central, is as SERVANT, not MASTER.

The free society, which is the only type of society capable of offering long-term stability and an environment in which the individual can exercise his or her creativeness, is dependent on there being checks on the powers of government. "The tendency of all governments is to increase their own power," said Lord Bryce, and the history of government in the English-speaking world illustrates the vital need for built-in checks on government powers. Such checks exist to protect the liberties of the individual.

The very purpose of the small, local and decentralised municipal government is to enable many of the functions of government to be kept as close to the people as possible. The destruction of local government by amalgamation programmes

BINDING CITIZENS INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Binding Citizens Initiative and Referendum, commonly known as B.C.I.R., is a means of providing the electors with the ability to protect their rights, and safeguard themselves against undesired government actions. For this to be effective it is first necessary to have B.C.I.R. enshrined in law. To achieve this it will require enough honest politicians who are true representatives of their electorate and who will put their electorate before their party. Unfortunately, this will not be an easy task, because most politicians are members of a party which is controlled by a few who are seeking power to control policy for their own ideological ends.

When a sufficient number of people realise that Parliament is not Supreme, that Parliament does not rule by Divine Right, but that the people must bear the responsibility of making the final decisions with regard to the administration of their affairs, then and only then will the opportunity arise to protect their rights. B.C.I.R. is a means by which all contentious issues may be settled through the will of the people.

To put it as simply as possible it means that the people would have the right under the law to initiate a Referendum on a matter of importance.

First, a required number of signatures on a petition would be necessary. The number required could be about 5% of those enrolled at the most, although the most commonly agreed figure for New Zealand is 50,000 signatures, which is less than this percentage. Some other places in the world may vary from this but this would be sufficient to place some restraint on frivolous or vexatious petitions but not an insurmountable number in cases of genuine concern among the people.

Having obtained the signatures on the petition the Government would be required to hold a Referendum. To put it simply:

1. The people would have the right to initiate by petition and thus have a Binding Referendum held on the repeal of an existing law.
2. The people would have the right to initiate by petition and thus have a Binding Referendum to propose new legislation.
3. The people would have the right to initiate by petition and thus have a Binding Referendum on a law that has passed through Parliament in the normal way but that has not been enacted.

The law would provide that such petitions which meet the legal requirements, i.e. the prescribed number of signatures, would bind the Government to holding a Referendum.

There are arguments, without foundation, that it would not work, it would be too costly, there would be too many referendums, it would upset our "Parliamentary Democracy", etc. These are all red herrings by opponents of B.C.I.R. who do not wish the people to have a say in their Government. What it would do, would be to put a measure of control of policy into the hands of the people. In addition, for the honest politicians, it would provide the opportunity to dismiss all the minority groups (lobbying), and allow him to tell them to go and convince the electorate.

As for it working? Well it does, in various forms in Switzerland, in over 20 States in the U.S.A. In the U.S.A. referendums are held in conjunction with the presidential election which keeps costs to a minimum. The estimate of costs in New Zealand although unusually quoted in millions, actually spread over the electorate relates to a few dollars per head. What price freedom? This is a small price to pay for the benefits that would accrue.

Here in New Zealand the Tauranga City Council has introduced a referendum law allowing citizens a say in their own affairs. It remains for other local authorities and central Government to follow. You can assist in achieving this by reminding your councillors and MP that they are your representative and you desire to have them introduce B.C.I.R.

DEMOCRACY and FREEDOM.

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Democracy is like good health, it is only after you have lost it that you fully appreciate it. The huge demonstrations and protest rallies in China and Eastern Europe prove my point.

Gradually over a period of many years we have let so called "experts" and academics take over decision making thinking they were working on our behalf. We have let it happen by default. It should be quite obvious to all that the Spirit of Democracy is dead and that we are only slightly better off than under Communist rule. The way the present Government has been able to railroad policy through Parliament against the wish of the vast majority of New Zealanders and even their own Labour Party should ring warning bells.

To say we have Democracy in New Zealand Government is a laugh, but unfortunately very few people understand how the "Party" system has hijacked Democracy and centralized power for itself. With a "Party" system the elected Member of Parliament signs allegiance to his party, not to the voter. Mel Courtney and Jim Anderton are examples of what happens if they do not conform to the Party. The "Party" system can be manipulated and controlled by a handful in Cabinet, as the Television Documentary showed some time ago on how Rogernomics took control.

As a permanent reminder to all New Zealanders the early settlers of Christchurch enshrined a number of wise precepts in the stained-glass windows of the old Canterbury Provincial Buildings. One reads "Party is the madness of the many for the gain of the few"

Many people believe that changing Labour for National is the answer but they would be sadly mistaken as the past proves. Others believe Proportional Representation is the answer to a fairer system, but stop and think, it is based on the "Party" system of centralized power. It also does nothing to control the influence of the non-elected officials, advisers and pressure groups which dictate Policy no matter which Party is in power.

The only system giving the voter a real say in decision making is the Swiss system of Referendum and Recall. It works in three parts:-

- Citizen Initiative* Voters Veto - Voters right to ^{repeal or} veto existing or proposed Laws of Central or Local Government.
- Voters Initiative - Voters have power to introduce new Laws.
- Right of Recall - Voters right to dismiss officials holding Public Office.

Voters can through a petition mandatory require the Government to hold a Referendum on a particular issue. Every New Zealander over 18 years has a vote on the issue and the Referendum result is binding on Govt.

If you believe in Democracy and a fairer system it will require effort from each and everyone of us. First of all be informed and understand "Democracy" and the different voting systems. It is worth fighting for, let us not sacrifice the pain and suffering of two World Wars.

Each of us has a responsibility and duty to see that Democracy and Freedom is passed on to the next generation better than we received it.

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Speech to Motueka Probosc Club

1990?

DEMOCRACY

Read Booklet on Constitutional Law, "YOUR WILL BE DONE" by Arthur Chresby,

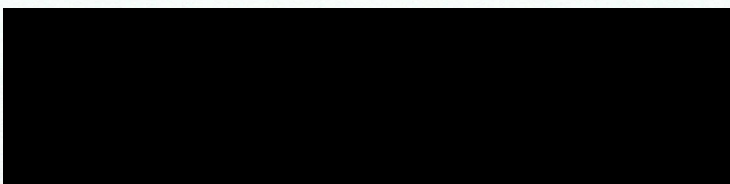
A simple, non-technical beginner's guide to the true legal functions of the Queen, Governor-General, Parliament, Parliamentarians and the People.

Read also the "MAGNA CARTA" - contact Magna Carta Society N.Z., P.O.Box 308, Hokitika.

SUGGESTION

- (1) Work together collectively with other Producer Groups.
- (2) Establish through a referendum vote, or poll what percentage of people support the retaining of Producer Board statutory powers. (There appears to be wide-spread support for retaining status quo)
- (3) Write individually en-mass to M.P's stating how you want him/her to vote. Refer to booklet, page 2 ---"My Will" letters.
- (4) Point out M.P's Constitutional responsibility is to follow the Will of the People he/she represents, and NOT the Party controllers. ---Refer to booklet
- (5) If the M.P. allows him/herself to be "coerced or restrained" from carrying out his/her legal duty, the decision will be challenged in Court. --- Refer to page 5 quoting two High Court rulings.
- (6) Put case before the Governor-General asking him to use his Constitutional Powers, to see that the written Will of the People is upheld.
- Like the Magna Carta, which is a Royal Charter between the Sovereign King or Queen and the People, which cannot be altered by Parliament, the Powers of the Governor-General still stand even though Parliament has passed legislation ^{wiping} most of his powers in the 1989 "Constitutional Act".
- This is a case where Parliament has assumed powers it has not been given, as M.P's. and Parliament are SERVANTS of the Crown on behalf of the PEOPLE.
- (7) Publicity --- using all forms of the media, to inform the public at grass-roots.

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From: [Bruce Smith](#)

Mail received time: Tue, 4 Jan 2022 19:27:42

Sent: Tue, 4 Jan 2022 19:27:36

To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Kiwi kid abroad

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Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Hi [Redacted]

Many thanks for telling me about the correct name and I have fixed it now. It will go live on facebook in 2 days. I use youtube for storage and checking for accurate content.

Love the Titanic and it must have been a real test to get it all assembled.

Keep in touch and well done

Kind Regards

Bruce Smith

Westland District Mayor

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Seasons Greetings from Westland District Council

Christmas Hours
Customer Service **closed**
12pm, 24 December 2021 - 8.30am, 5 January 2022

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10 December 2021 - 10 January 2022

For Emergency Assistance: Water / Sewerage / Drainage / Roading / Animal Control
call 0800 474 834 and follow the prompts



From: [Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, 4 January 2022 5:56 PM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: Re: Kiwi kid abroad

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Thank you very much. It was great to talk to you.

I noticed the title says hello from [Redacted]

I wanted to show you my birthday present . It took me 3 days to build the biggest Lego set ever made.
" The Titanic "

Rgds
[REDACTED]

On Mon, 3 Jan 2022, 23:52 , <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED] a preview
It will be posted in the next couple of days

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, 2 January 2022 7:01 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Kiwi kid abroad

Thank you.
My Mum and Dad are cool with that.
We have missed out of three Christmases with our kiwi family. We haven't seen them since 2018.
Xmas 2019 - we moved here
Xmas 2020 - MIQ
Xmas 2021 - MIQ
We are safe and happy but schools not been in fully since March 2020.
I was so sad about my Grandpa. Hope I get to see him soon.
Rgds
[REDACTED]

On Sat, 1 Jan 2022, 10:36 , <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]
Your email is very moving.
Could you talk to mum and dad and see if I could do a short interview with you and perhaps mum or dad?

Regards Bruce

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 1 January 2022 7:12 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Kiwi kid abroad

Dear Sir
Happy New Year
My name is [REDACTED].
My Grandpa had a really long hand reconstruction surgery in NZ just before Christmas and I wish I could just go and hug him. (I put a picture below)
I know a lot of people have not been able to return to New Zealand due to covid and there are some very sad stories but I really miss my Grandpa so much.
What makes me cross is that DJs and sportspeople are getting into New Zealand as critical visitors but kiwis like me are not allowed.
My mum tries all the lotteries but there's not been a space yet to match the flights and our reason to go to NZ isn't important enough for the government.

[REDACTED]
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We live in [REDACTED]. When covid broke out the government here really looked after its citizens and residents including those out of country. They even sent a plane to Christchurch to pick them up !

Thanks for your time

Happy New Year.

Your faithfully

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Mail received time: Thu, 30 Dec 2021 04:19:14

Sent: Thu, 30 Dec 2021 17:18:52

To: [Bruce Smith Westland Mayor](#)

Subject: Re: [Grounded Kiwis] Contact - new submission

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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Hi Bruce

Lovely to hear from you. That would be great. Are you a member of our Facebook group? If so, you could post asking for anyone from the West Coast who is currently unable to get back or impacted by MIQ who would be open to speaking with you over Zoom. Usually we find doing posts on the group are the best way to find individuals who are happy to speak publicly.

If you're not a member of the group yet, I can post on your behalf.

Thanks

On Thu, 30 Dec 2021, 14:50 Bruce Smith Westland Mayor, [REDACTED] wrote:

Bruce Smith Westland Mayor just submitted your form: Contact on [REDACTED]

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Message Details:

Enter Your Name : Bruce Smith Westland Mayor

Enter Your Email: mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz

Message: I run the coasters club which has a large following on social media WE would love to connect with people stuck offshore and do a zoom interview to help keep the pressure on ?

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From: [Bruce Smith](#)

Mail received time: Tue, 16 Nov 2021 21:49:14

Sent: Tue, 16 Nov 2021 21:49:08

To: [Te Aroha Cook](#); [Simon Bastion](#); [WDC Executive Team](#); [Emma Rae](#)

Subject: RE: RLG Webinar 3 Summary, and recording link

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

I agree with the synopsis from TC

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The normal will be nothing will be normal

Regards

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From: Te Aroha Cook <tearoha.cook@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 17 November 2021 9:34 AM
To: Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>; WDC Executive Team [REDACTED]
Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Emma Rae <emma.rae@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: RLG Webinar 3 Summary, and recording link

Good Morning All

[REDACTED]

That said, we need to recognise the additional challenges that will arise from people isolating at home, rather than in a hospital or approved MIQ facility, such as local motels. This will become particularly challenging for our more remote communities, particularly those lacking strong community networks.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Kind Regards

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From: [REDACTED]

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Sent: Tue, 11 Jan 2022 11:02:21

To: [Bruce Smith](#)

Subject: RE: Update 11th January - job opportunities beckoning on the Auckland harbour ferries

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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Thanks Bruce.

I will trawl through my contacts for feedback and get back to you on that.

[REDACTED]

On 01/11/2022 10:51 AM Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

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A cunning plan

How about we interview, someone from Auckland ferry services re staff shortages.

Then flick to you for your thoughts

Then on to an impacted seaman that might talks about the miq and opportunity to apply for a position on the ferries

Your thoughts

Regards

Bruce Smith | Mayor


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Communities **4** Local Democracy
He hapori mō te Manapori

Fresh ideas.
Better water.

From: [Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, 11 January 2022 10:33 AM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: Update 11th January - job opportunities beckoning on the Auckland harbour ferries

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Greetings from Covid NZ –? Traffic light day 45.

An additional 60 community cases of Covid Δ? were reported yesterday, bringing the current active number of community transmitted cases in the last 21 days to 759 people.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-current-cases>

There were no real developments yesterday, other than Australia again eclipsing all previous Covid records. There is simply no chance of the trans-Tasman bubble reopening in the immediate future, until NZ has the same level of infection. <https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/world/2022/01/coronavirus-australia-vows-to-push-through-omicron-outbreak-as-cases-hit-1-million.html>

There are job opportunities beckoning on the harbour ferries, for those of you stranded in Auckland.

https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/local-government/127467017/auckland-ferry-services-cancelled-until-march-as-staff-shortages-hit-commutes?fbclid=IwAR3kFHukAgs71auJ_tguVrl0szGQZle1LXS5GVIk7zuGmZHYIdi4ifwYQps

The sad reality of this skills shortage is that these ferry companies have no training or succession planning in place for their employees and have simply relied on cheap immigrant labour to keep wages down and to avoid spending money on training enthusiastic New Zealanders wanting to get into the marine industry. Karma at its very finest!

It could well be time for me to write an open letter to the Director of Maritime NZ to get off her arse and actually do something constructive and measurable to assist in the repatriation of NZ seafarers, rather than simply pontificating on the subject.

A seafarer who did a research project on the representation of women at sea in Aussie & NZ, has contacted me with respect her studies on females at sea. She is studying for a Master's in Maritime Policy. I have asked her for further details, but will not be giving her your personal details from my database. Once she has come back to me with further details I will promulgate her contact details to allow you to contact her direct.

Take care out there

Kia kaha

Nolite te bastardes carborundorum








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Sent: Sun, 19 Dec 2021 01:39:19
To: [Grey Mayor](#)
Subject: FW: Cameron Slater Gets Stuck In
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, 19 December 2021 2:34 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Cameron Slater Gets Stuck In

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WOW this is the hard hitting of infamous Cameron Slater blog?
I don't think that he likes Jacinda Ardern?

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From: [Redacted]

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Trust Us Not Them



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The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

by **Cam Slater** 16 December, 2021 8:00 am

Over the years I have met, had lunch, dinner, drinks or meetings with a vast number of politicians. Some were great, most were average, but none, with one exception, were evil.

I grew up in a political family. We had cabinet ministers and prime ministers over for dinner. My mother never really liked most of them, and I got my healthy distrust of politicians from her. I remember one night her telling Aussie Malcolm chapter and verse why he was going to be unemployed after the next election...?and she was right, he was.



I remember the night Jim Bolger was sitting in front of Mum's grand piano, sipping a scotch, while Winston Peters was regaling others with stories while he stretched his arm across the mantelpiece, a fag in one hand and a Scotch in the other, warming his backside by the fire. Bolger was telling me, and a couple of others who were there, all about how Jim McLay was a really nice guy, but sadly nice guys finish last. Two weeks later Jim Bolger was knifing McLay to become the leader of the opposition, and then Prime Minister. Jim Bolger was even invited to my wedding, and I've still got the letter he wrote back then.



It was my father who was asked, by the cowards in caucus, to meet Jim Bolger at the airport to tell him there had been a coup while he was overseas, and that when he got back to Wellington the numbers had been done and Jenny Shipley was going to replace him.

I remember Jenny Shipley coming to my sister's birthday dinner at a restaurant in Newmarket. I can remember Maurice Williamson leaping on stage and grabbing an electric guitar to play at my sister's 21st.

I once went to Maurice's house in Epsom to spend a long afternoon playing loads of Deep Purple, The Who and other great music at volumes that left us both deaf. So much so we never heard the neighbours pounding on the door.

I can remember my grandmother telling assorted ministers visiting us at the beach house her ideas on health care and hospitals, and those being implemented.

I can fondly remember the smell of cigar smoke wafting down the hallway of Vogel House to my room from the lounge where Doug Graham was reading the newspaper at six in the morning.

I was in the whip's office and helped draft the caucus resolution that threw Winston Peters out of caucus, and I remember well Bill Birch (another MP I respect deeply) coming down to read the resolution before going to inform Bolger of what was about to happen. Those really were the days of smoke filled rooms, especially when chair smoking Doug Kidd and cigar smoking Doug Graham were in the room.

I was standing beside Maurice Williamson when he was filmed after the 2002 election debacle and uttered his now infamous comment about needing to [lance the boil within the party](#). That particular boil took nearly 20 years to get lanced properly.

I've been there and seen it all, up close and personal.

When it comes to Prime Ministers, I've met Robert Muldoon, David Lange, Jim Bolger, Jenny Shipley, Helen Clark, John Key, Bill English and Jacinda Ardern. I think that in the current press gallery only Barry Soper can claim a similar pedigree. Hell's teeth, I can remember Barry when he had hair and was visiting Dad's place.

In 2008, I even had lunch with Jacinda Ardern over three hours in Morrinsville. I know she remembers it because when David Cunliffe was Labour's leader and they were planning the Dirty Politics nit job, the members of the Labour caucus were asked if any of them had dealings with me. Jacinda Ardern, to her credit, owned up about the lunch. Stuart Nash skulked at the back and said nothing.

Politicians, by their very nature, are narcissistic, self absorbed and sociopaths. Very few of them have any compassion and those that do keep it quiet. To give you an example, when I had my stroke just one National MP bothered to come see me, and tipped up at the hospital even. No other National MP called, emailed or even sent a card. Only that one, very compassionate, and deeply misunderstood MP. Only one Labour MP bothered to message me. No, it wasn't Stuart Nash. It was another, and his text messages to me later one night were a treasure. He knows who he is, and I appreciated those texts and those sentiments as they were heartfelt and compassionate.

Politics is a blood sport, but I believe always that we need to get past tribalism and polarisation in politics, and we very desperately need compassionate people in politics.



There are very few politicians who I respect; there are none, with the exception of one, who I despise. Helen Clark was a brilliant politician. I didn't agree with her politics and still don't,

but she is one politician I can respect, for her immense will power, her stickability and her political skills. She fought to the very end. I have no respect for John Key. He thought he could sway a referendum on the flag, I told him he was wrong and would lose. It turned out I was right and he was wrong. That was the beginning of the end of him; he realised that he could no longer walk on water. But he also lacked courage; any man who rings another man's father to pass on a message is gutless and beneath contempt. He bolted when he thought he couldn't win again, and left us with Bill English, a staid and dependable Finance Minister but someone who has tits for hands when it came to leadership.

Most politicians enter politics stating all sorts of altruistic reasons why they entered parliament. Mostly they are lies, mouthing pithy sentiments and tosh about making the world a better place. Parliament's history is littered with MPs' careers that achieved little other than enriching themselves at the taxpayers' expense.



Despite all their foibles I sincerely believe that most are not evil: misguided maybe, but not evil. Not even Robert Muldoon was evil, but he was surely misguided. He tried his best when faced with economic doom and oil shocks. He was ill-equipped to handle the various crises that beset his government, but ironically the very power systems and energy self sufficiency we now enjoy –? and our great renewable energy that the climate change advocates bang on about –? were a result of Muldoon's and Bill Birch's foresight with [Think Big](#). The very projects that Labour and others vociferously opposed.

Which brings me to the exception. Jacinda Ardern.

When I had that three hour lunch with her I came away thinking that this woman makes a lot of sound and thinks she sounds informed and interested about the world and politics. But on reflection, at the time, I said to David Farrar, who was also there, that she was just mouthing slogans and platitudes. Bumper sticker slogans and rehearsed lines. There was no depth there, and there still isn't.



She is my exception, the one I believe is actually evil, and here is why I believe that.

She is fake, more fake than a \$10 copy watch bought in the back alleys of Hong Kong. She has claimed many, many things, like all politicians, about why she entered politics. She professes wanting to end child poverty; she even made herself the minister in charge of ending child poverty. She also claimed that climate change was her generation's nuclear free moment. On both of those claimed driving forces for her entering politics she has failed massively and comprehensively. All the child poverty statistics are either materially worse or have barely budged. Her climate change commitments are

joke. She wrecked an industry on a Captain's Call and then presided over the largest imports of coal we have ever seen, into a country that is sitting on huge coal reserves. Every single signature election promise has been an abject failure. She told people she was going to make houses more affordable; their cost has more than doubled. She promised to build 100,000 Kiwibuild homes, but it turned out that she couldn't build a house in a room full of Lego. She promised light rail to the airport and has failed to lay even a single centimetre of track. None of those things are evil, but they are all dishonest and show a predilection towards failure after bold promises.

She told us that she never lies, which was a lie. But since taking power she has grabbed unprecedented additional powers, more so than even Robert Muldoon. With that power she locked us up, removed our freedoms and told us all it was for our health. Never before in the history of the world have so many healthy people been locked up and had their freedoms taken away, all on the pretext of protecting our health.

It was all to flatten the curve, she said, then to protect the hospitals, then to save granny, then it would be short and sharp, and it ended up being the longest lockdown ever. It was all lies. If we needed more capacity in the hospitals then why haven't they provided it? Why did they spend \$55 million on bribing and corrupting the media instead of building a purpose-built ICU-only hospital in Auckland? Why did they fund cameras on fishing boats and wallaby pest eradication instead of hiring more nurses?

It was never about health; otherwise, the billions spent subsidising businesses to stay closed could have instead been spent on hospitals and health care. It was all about control and manipulation. She has gaslit everyone while smiling and frowning and stealing away your rights, your freedoms, and your democracy.

Her lockdowns have cost people their lives, postponed life-saving operations and cancer treatment, destroyed businesses, wrecked careers and worst of all scared people into being irrationally afraid, especially the children. Even though that is evil, that isn't the real evil of this woman.

The real evil was her politicisation of the Police force, coupled with her draconian lockdown rules, the creation of a Stasi-like snitch culture, creating a situation where mates are turned against mates, families are splintered and rent apart by the medical apartheid she has implemented; and her scapegoating, demonising and radicalising the unvaccinated and destroying social cohesion with her divisive, nasty, evil policies.

She said she never lies; she told us last year that Kiwis would not be penalised if they chose not to vaccinate, yet that is exactly what she has done: introduced social ostracism and punishments for daring to have free will. That is evil.

She is manipulative in the most extreme manner, like all sociopaths. Why else would she use sustained propaganda and well-known brainwashing techniques to tell us that 'They are Us'...?except for the unvaccinated, then 'They are Us'? is discarded. 'Team of Five Million' was a lie, because she has now separated New Zealand into 'Us and Them'. What else can you call it other than manipulative to forbid the use of hairdressers unless you can prove you'd been vaccinated? That particular piece of nastiness was aimed solely at those naughty women who refuse to comply.

Removing freedoms from everyone, and then giving back the vaccinated some of those freedoms while callously using the media to help gaslight everyone into believing government permissions are freedoms, at the same time as creating two classes of citizen, is even nastier and evil. She's convinced over 70% of people that this divisiveness and nastiness is perfectly alright. She's said it is OK to discriminate. She's not even passed any laws to push her mandates; she's just let businesses become her brownshirts in ostracising and demonising the unvaccinated. She's allowed Aucklanders to be scapegoated even as she wrecked their businesses, jobs, and dreams. It is never OK to discriminate. Yet that is what this evil woman has done.

The Kiwi ethos of egalitarianism was slaughtered on the altar of Covid, and the knife used to cut its throat was wielded by Jacinda Ardern.

Add to that the racial divisions she has fostered and extended through her government, and we as a nation are now on the cusp of the destruction of everything Kiwis once stood for. The Kiwi dream has become a dark and awful nightmare, where we live and exist only with the permission of the government.

We are more divided than ever before. We are meaner, harsher and nastier than before. Her actions did that. The evil is that she pretended it was kindness.

As I've elaborated, like never before, I've seen them all, from Muldoon to Ardern. Not even the excesses of Helen Clark or Robert Muldoon were this bad. The Ardern regime is exactly that, a regime. She is evil. She has systematically and deliberately destroyed this nation, and for that, she deserves to be run out of town on a rail.

Jacinda Ardern has done something no other politician has achieved in my estimation. She has made me despise her personally, simply because she is actually evil. I disliked Muldoon and Clark, but I actually despise Jacinda Ardern.

Her platitudes, her much-vaunted compassion, and her so-called sincerity are all fake. She is a very, very shallow, manipulative and insecure person drunk on the power voters handed her. She is desperate to be seen as a hero in the world's eyes when in reality she has become a shabby, desperate despot, worse than Robert Muldoon and Helen Clark.

Jacinda Ardern is a black-hearted woman, not the caring persona she has cultivated. She deserves nothing but opprobrium, and I will spend every waking moment working to remove her from office. It's personal now.

Philip Adamson
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From: [Bruce Smith](#)

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Sent: Mon, 10 Jan 2022 00:48:04

To: [Jennifer Beatson](#)

Subject: RE: The COVID-19 Protection Framework Regional/ District checklist

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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From: Jennifer Beatson <Jennifer.Beatson007@msd.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 10 January 2022 12:38 PM

To: Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: The COVID-19 Protection Framework Regional/ District checklist

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Hi Bruce

Nice to hear from you and thanks for the intel.

You might be interested to know that one of the things MSD is seeing in Reefton and Franz is the impact of vaccination passports on staffing - i.e. hospitality businesses in particular were (pre-Xmas) very worried about staff shortages due to staff choosing not to be vaccinated. MSD are not sure what the situation is like now but are going to make contact with businesses in the next week to understand more. Is this what you have seen?

Regards

Jennifer

Jennifer Beatson

Kaitohutohu kōtūi ā-rohe o Te Ratonga Tūmatanui

Regional Public Service Advisor

Nelson Tasman, Marlborough, West Coast

Ph:

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From: Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz>

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To: Jennifer Beatson <Jennifer.Beatson007@msd.govt.nz>

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Kia ora koutou

If you are back in the office (first day for me), welcome back and Happy New Year.

As indicated at the end of last year, we have regional reports due for the National Response Group in relation to the CPF and

COVID in our communities. If you get time can you please fill in the following with any comments you might have, I will be finalising the report by 3pm today. Any thoughts are welcome. Note –? some of you may get this email multiple times if your organisation spans multiple regions. In your reply can you please indicate which region/regions, your reply is applicable to ie Nelson and Tasman, Marlborough or the West Coast.

Thank you to those who have already replied.

<p>Your regional insights into the effects of the CPF measures on the economy and society more broadly</p> <p>How are our communities coping under an orange level which includes vaccination, passports, mandates and boosters.</p> <p>We are at the beginning of our domestic tourism season. (I think it will be very short this year)</p> <p>Small number of people very anti passports Much bigger number opposed to mandates No neg feedback re boosters</p>
<p>Any evidence of the impacts of the CPF measures for at-risk populations.</p> <p>Consider public attitudes towards the measures and the extent to which people and businesses understand, accept, and abide by them (include public/business/education understanding of the change, sentiment considerations, and including equity considerations in the region).</p> <p>Growing neg sentiment across region as to the lack of support for business Small number of business ignore Kumara races 5000 people no matters of significance</p>
<p>How do you feel our ability to operationalise the restrictions, including satisfactory implementation planning is working out?</p> <p>Welfare no problems Health seems to be very under staffed even for BAU</p>
<p>Any Te Tiriti or iwi/Māori specific considerations.</p>
<p>What is the situation in neighbouring Regions/Districts and does this have an impact?</p> <p>Nothing of concern</p>

Are any other Regional/District risks present (e.g. threat of concurrent emergency event)?
Not at present

Thanks

Jennifer

Jennifer Beatson

Director –? Regional COVID Reponse
Nelson Tasman, Marlborough, West Coast

Ph: [REDACTED]

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Director - Regional COVID Response, for the West Coast, Nelson/Tasman and Marlborough

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From: James Doolan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 December 2021 3:45 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Tranzalpine services suspended even at Orange - why?

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[REDACTED]

From: James Doolan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 December 2021 3:44 pm
To: 'Joseph Mooney' <Joseph.Mooney@parliament.govt.nz>; 'Hon Todd McClay' <Todd.McClay@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: Tranzalpine services suspended even at Orange - why?

Todd and Joseph,

This sort of decision made casually by the government-owned Tranzalpine service demonstrates why we should have targeted support for tourism businesses until international borders open properly. [Service Alerts | The Great Journeys of New Zealand \(greatjourneysfnz.co.nz\)](#) it's pretty hard to run West Coast tourism businesses when a key Government-owned transport service simply flicks the switch off with minimal advance warning. If government wanted to send a message that you shouldn't bother coming to the Coast over summer, then they'd be hard-pressed to find better ways than cancelling all Tranzalpine services. Since COVID began, have you seen any concerted effort by Tranzalpine to target domestic travellers and dramatically increase the number of New Zealanders holidaying on the West Coast? Me neither. That's what government expects from all privately-owned tourism businesses, however.

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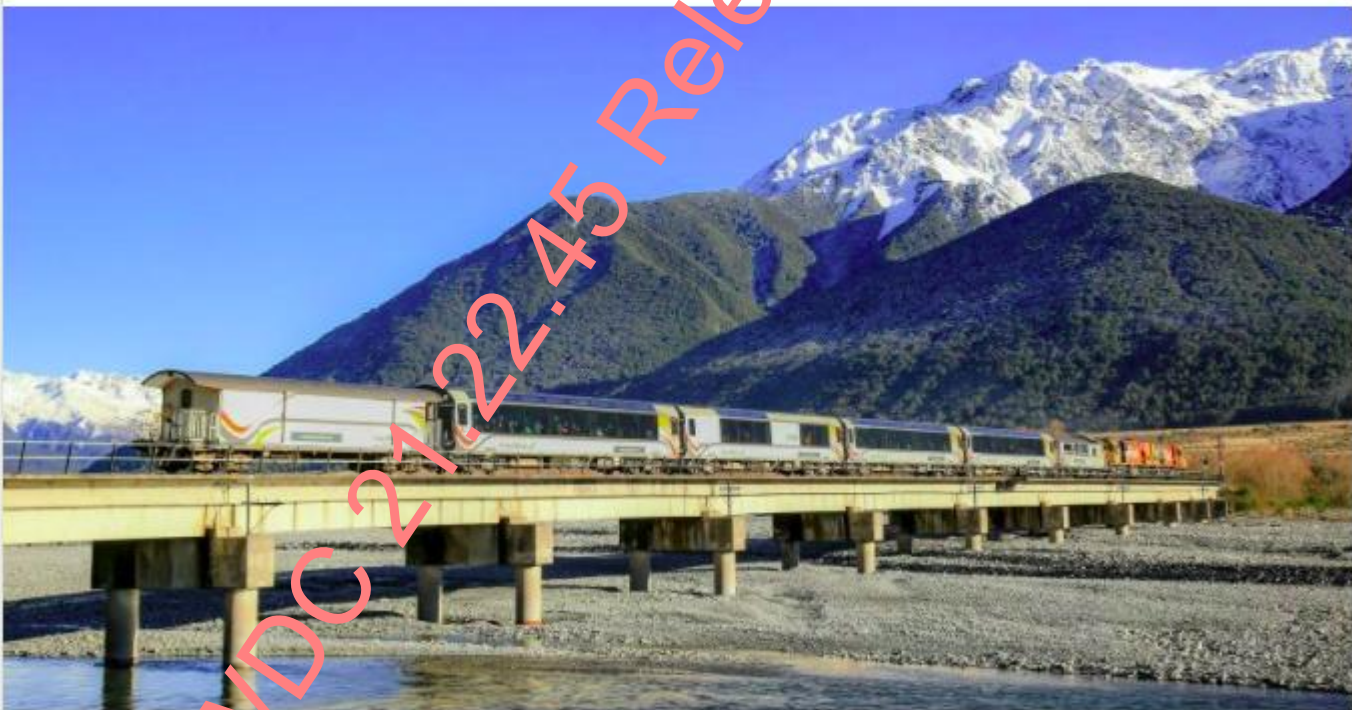
Kind regards
James



James Doolan

Hospitality Industry Strategic Advisor at Fantail Advisory. Strategic Director fo...
now • 🌐

Continued suspension of the Tranzalpine services in "Orange" level tells us a couple of things. First: domestic travel demand is simply not enough to sustain internationally-focused [#tourism](#) infrastructure while [#newzealand](#) borders remain closed. Second: government-owned businesses appear to have a little more latitude than the rest of us when deciding whether to put operations on ice... It goes without saying now, surely? [#targetedsupportfortourism](#) until our borders reopen properly. [Hotel Council Aotearoa](#)



TranzAlpine travel news

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Archived: Monday, 31 January 2022 9:37:07 AM

From: [Bruce Smith](#)

Mail received time: Wed, 8 Dec 2021 00:13:26

Sent: Wed, 8 Dec 2021 00:13:20

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Kiwi rail video

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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7-11-2018

I seek Cabinet agreement to the following five tourism proposals, as two are over \$20 million and with the other three comprise a significant package for the West Coast:

☐ Provincial Rail Growth (\$80m capital injection): The project will provide a strong tourism offering for the West Coast and other parts of the South Island such as Kaikoura. It will fund new and refurbished train carriages, platform upgrades, a new reservation system, international marketing, and year round premium carriages on the TranzAlpine and Coastal Pacific services.

TranzAlpine boost to bring tourists to the West Coast

The Government's \$40m investment in the award-winning TranzAlpine scenic train will bring thousands more tourists onto the West Coast each year, creating jobs and enabling other tourism ventures, KiwiRail Acting Chief Executive Todd Moyle says.

The investment, announced by Regional Economic Development Minister Shane Jones today, includes adding a further two passenger carriages and a new premium service to the train, which links with the Coastal Pacific's premium service announced last week.

"The TranzAlpine already makes a significant contribution to the West Coast economy, bringing 82,000 passengers into Greymouth each year which supports around 400 local jobs," Mr Moyle says.

"Over the summer peak the service is often booked out, so Government support to add two more 63-seat carriages and introduce a new premium carriage is great news for the West Coast.

"High-net-worth tourists will now be able to book luxury services on both the Coastal Pacific and TranzAlpine, creating a longer South Island service between Picton and Greymouth which will attract greater numbers of bookings.

"We expect that close to 120,000 passengers will be using the expanded TranzAlpine service within a decade. The many millions of dollars more those people will spend in the region is expected to support about 290 new local jobs.

"The Greymouth, Arthurs Pass and Christchurch stations will also be improved and KiwiRail will be investing in upgrading our reservation systems and in international marketing for the premium service.

"KiwiRail's purpose is to create stronger connections for a better New Zealand and we already deliver a million tourists around the country each year on our Great Journeys of New Zealand ferries and scenic trains. The TranzAlpine passenger business has grown by 90% over the past five years, with February and March this year being record months for ticket sales.

"The new premium services on the TranzAlpine, and Coastal Pacific which will offer more space and high-quality food and beverages to go along with the world-renowned scenery, will allow us to tap into the fast growing, international high-value travel market, and deliver even more benefits for the West Coast.

"KiwiRail will also be working with tourism agencies and operators on the West Coast to develop itineraries that connect TranzAlpine passengers with other tourism experiences and accommodation.

"Other Provincial Growth Fund initiatives announced today, such as the development at Punakaiki, are the kind of tourism projects that could make the most of visitors coming into Greymouth on the TranzAlpine," Mr Moyle says.

"It's about having a joined-up approach to tourism to encourage people to spend more time on the West Coast, while

spreading the benefits of tourism across the region

Bruce Smith | Mayor

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Archived: Friday, 28 January 2022 11:03:45 AM

From: [REDACTED]

Mail received time: Sun, 24 Oct 2021 02:07:19

Sent: Resent

To: [Bruce Smith](#)

Subject: Thanks for clearing the air.

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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Hi Bruce.

I've learned through age that what is reported in the media is often not the context in which its given. Thank you for taking the time to provide the balance.

Looking forward over the next two months I truly have concerns over the confusion and the loss of hope that we are starting to see - and know that I am an optimist!

Unfortunately the 'wildness' that creates such a source of appeal for the coast is also what acts against it, and I fear that weather events such as the Westport floods create false barriers in the minds of visitors to the coast. I apologise for any linking between you and [REDACTED] - the only connect on reflection is that you both carry the title of mayor. No disrespect intended.

If there is anything we can do to help the cause, please feel free to ask.

Regards

[REDACTED]

> On 24/10/2021, at 12:54 PM, Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz> wrote:

>

> Hi [REDACTED]

>

> Appreciate you taking the time to express your opinion.

>

> My 2nd vaccine was completed 23th May

> Photo in paper to encourage coasters to get vaccinated.

> Since then up to 10 social media posts per week

> Cant tell you how many tv and radio interviews all with the get vaccinated message.

>

> My recent comments were made to confirm to the 1500 coast DHB workers that any failure to get to 90% rests with Government and its slow start to the roll out due to a lack of vaccines and not the DHB staff.

>

> [REDACTED] is an anti vacca so I see no connection to my position.

>

> Your energy and commitment to the [REDACTED] industry is brilliant and a shining star to all.

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>
> Keep in touch
>
> Kind Regards
>
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: [REDACTED]
> Sent: Sunday, 24 October 2021 12:11 PM
> To: Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz>
> Subject: Negative perceptions of the Coast and Covid vaccination rates.

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> Dear Bruce.

> I'm writing to express my dismay at your reported comments in this weekends Press in defence and acceptance of the West Coast vaccination rates. Recent research from DWC clearly showed the difficulty raised by visitor perceptions of the Coast and I find it difficult to reconcile your vaccination comments as a leader with efforts to attract visitors to our region. Despite protestations, the South Island is connected to a nation wide roll out plan, and the current West Coast vaccination numbers will slow that roll out. I believe we are already suffering from a number of negative perceptions and your comments will do little to move this.

> [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED] As demonstrated by the backlash against [REDACTED], we are seeking clear and insightful leadership that continues to promote the coast, not one supporting a lackadaisical attitude to vaccination that could hold back the perception that the Coast is 'open for business'







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From: [Diane Maitland](#)
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Sent: Fri, 10 Dec 2021 01:29:00
To: [Emma Rae](#)
Cc: [Simon Bastion](#); [Bruce Smith](#)
Subject: FW: Friday 10 December COVID-19 West Coast DHB update...
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None
Attachments:
[TLA and Vax by dose for West Coast 09122021.xlsx](#);

Hi Emma, latest info from the DHB attached.
Regards
Di

Diane Maitland | Executive Assistant
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From: Imogen Squires <imogen.squires@wcdhb.health.nz>
Sent: Friday, 10 December 2021 12:49 pm
To: Imogen Squires <imogen.squires@wcdhb.health.nz>
Subject: Friday 10 December COVID-19 West Coast DHB update...

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Morena,
By now you will have heard that the new vehicle offered by Development West Coast and Grey Ford is still “?Up for Jobs”?!

C?mon Coasters, we have until 24 December to get both doses to be in to win!

Update from West Coast DHB's Acting COVID-19 Vaccination programme manager, Maria Christensen:

- Coasters have really come to the party in the past couple of weeks since DWC and Grey Ford announced the competition.
- There are now 12 vaccination days till Christmas –? we have clinics running most days and you can just drop in.
- If you want AstraZeneca vaccine, however, you will have to book via www.bookmyvaccine.nz.
- Here's something you can do to support unvaccinated friends and family - offer to take them to a clinic if transport is the challenge, or just to talk to someone about their concerns. Go in with them if they need some extra support or have questions they want to ask. Our teams are happy to have a chat.
- You will be eligible for a booster once it has been six months since your second dose (before the end of May 2021). We encourage people to book an appointment. You can make a booking using Book My Vaccine. More information, visit [COVID-19: Vaccine boosters](#).
- You can see that we're really dashing through those second doses –? well done Coasters!!!

Number of doses required to reach 90% fully vaccinated as of Wednesday 8 December 11.59pm (Sunday's figures in brackets)

Buller	Grey	Westland	Unknown location
561 (682)	711 (813)	309 (417)	449 (466)

There's 15 days to go now until Christmas, and just a reminder that we will only be vaccinating in Greymouth at Te Ni?kau over three days in between Christmas and New Year.

- ? Wednesday 29 December, 10am –? 4pm (Pfizer vaccine only)
- ? Thursday 30 December, 10am –? 4pm and Friday 31 December, 10am –? 2pm, Pfizer and AstraZeneca (For AstraZeneca you will need to book via www.bookmyvaccine.nz)

The full list of vaccination clinics is available at VaccinateCanterburyWestCoast.nz

Attached are some graphics about where we were at as of midnight on Wednesday 8 December. Please share these widely!

Hapū? mā?mā?

- If you catch COVID-19 when you are pregnant, you are more likely to become very unwell –? so it is a good idea to get vaccinated.
- Millions of pregnant people have been vaccinated around the world. Data shows no evidence that the vaccine is associated with an increased risk of miscarriage during pregnancy, and no additional safety concerns have been raised.
- The vaccine protects you as you are far less likely to fall seriously ill. When you are vaccinated you pass on antibodies which help to protect your baby from COVID-19 including when you are breastfeeding after birth.

Highlights of the past week:

- On Tuesday, our teams did more than 93 FIRST doses plus a number of second doses! We're pretty happy about that!!! These were across clinics in Greymouth, Westport, Karamea and Franz Josef.
- Especially Westport and Greymouth clinics were incredibly busy and we expect that to continue.
- The vaccine passport and the increasing amount of employers demanding staff to be vaccinated is having an impact on people's decisions.

Highlight of the upcoming week:

- We're still open for business! Over the next week we'll be in Hokitika, Reefton and Fox River as well as with the Poutini Waioata team at the Arahura Marae. The full list including dates and times of vaccination clinics are updated regularly on VaccinateCanterburyWestCoast.nz.

Reminder re access to DHB facilities / My Vaccine Pass

You do not need to show your My Vaccine Pass to enter DHB facilities, but you must scan the NZ Tracer App QR code for each

building or specific area you enter, where a unique QR code is displayed –? or sign in manually. You must also wear a mask or face covering at all times unless medically exempt, or eating or drinking.

Café? and Community Pharmacy in Te Nī?kau Hospital & Health Centre

Unichem Te Nī?kau Pharmacy is an independently-owned business subject to the rules that apply under the COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system) –? at all levels all customers must scan the NZ Tracer App QR code when they enter, where a unique QR code is displayed –? or sign in manually. Customers must wear facemasks when visiting the pharmacy. There is no requirement to show a My Vaccine Pass.

PeaBerry Café? is subject to stricter rules under the COVID-19 Protection Framework –? at all levels you are required to scan or sign in, physically distance, and wear a mask or face-covering when not eating/drinking. Under COVID-19 Protection Framework **ORANGE**, the café? is contactless only (no seating) and there is no requirement to show a My Vaccine Pass.

More information is available online [COVID-19 Protection Framework | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/COVID-19-Protection-Framework)

My COVID-19 record/Vaccine Pass

My COVID Record is one of the tools that have been put in place to help us open up New Zealand. If you want to view your COVID-19 vaccination records and download your unique COVID-19 vaccination QR code, simply go online and create a My Health Account. You must be at least 16 years of age to create an account. For more information, visit our [My Covid Record page](https://www.myhealthaccount.govt.nz/).

COVID-19 booster shots

If you are over 18 you will be able to access a booster dose the same way you got vaccinated with your primary course (for most people, a primary course is two doses). You will be eligible once six months have passed since your second dose. As of 29 November, booster doses are now available. You can make a booking using Book My Vaccine. More information, visit [COVID-19: Vaccine boosters](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/COVID-19-Vaccine-boosters). The booster is different to the third primary dose recommended for severely immunocompromised people. People eligible for a third primary dose can access a fourth booster dose six months after receiving their third primary dose.

Vaccination clinic details

For details about vaccination clinics in Hokitika, Greymouth and Westport, and mobile/pop-up clinics, visit <https://vaccinatecanterburywestcoast.nz/covid-19-vaccination-clinic-locations-on-the-west-coast/>.

Mobile/pop up clinics over the next week

(No bookings are necessary for any of our vaccination clinics, just turn up wearing a mask and clothing that makes it easy to access the top of your arms! You’?ll need to scan or sign-in, and there’?ll be plenty of hand sanitiser around to pump on.)

Day	Time	Location
Friday, 10 December	10.00am - 8.00pm	Hokitika –? Pakiwaitara, 32 Weld Street. From 5.00pm –? 8.00pm, we will have a pop-up clinic at the Christmas parade.
Saturday, 11 December	11.00am - 3.00pm	Reefton –? by Reefton Lotto Shop, 70A Broadway
Sunday, 12 December	10.00am - 1.00pm	Fox River –? Fox River Summer Market, just north of the Fox River Bridge
Tuesday, 14 December	11.00am - 3.00pm	Hari Hari Community Hall, 37 Main Road, Hari Hari
Wednesday, 15 December	12.00pm - 7.00pm	Arahura Marae, Old Christchurch Road, Arapura
Thursday, 16 December	11.00am - 3.00pm	Reefton –? Reefton Community Hall, 50 Shiel Street
Friday, 17 December	10.00am - 4.00pm	Hokitika –? Pakiwaitara, 32 Weld Street, Hokitika

*Note: drop-ins are welcome at all COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

Where people can get further information:

- Please ring the COVID Vaccination Healthline, which provides vaccination information and is available 8am –? 8pm 7 days a week on **0800 28 29 26**.
- For details of the latest West Coast vaccination clinics and mobile/pop-up clinics, visit vaccinatecanterburywestcoast.nz.

- Boosters: More information, visit [COVID-19: Vaccine boosters](#).
- Vaccine Pass: For more information, visit our [My Covid Record page](#).
- COVID-19 Protection framework, aka Traffic light system: <https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/covid-19-protection/>
- Astrazeneca: <https://vaccinatecanterburywestcoast.nz/astrazeneca-vaccines-on-the-west-coast/>
- Individual C'mon Coasters faces are available for download at vaccinatecanterburywestcoast.nz

Please let me know if you no longer wish to receive these updates.

Regards

Imogen Squires

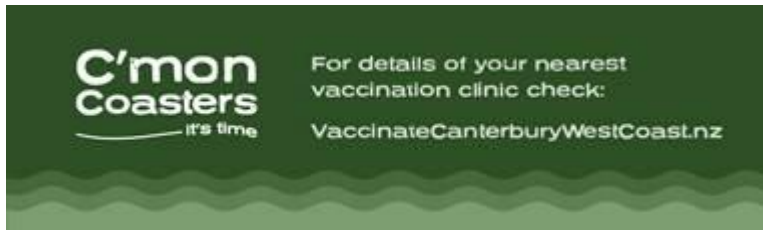
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Hokitika COVID-19 drive-through vaccination events

When

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Saturday, 9 October 2021

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Sunday, 10 October 2021

Where

Westland Milk Products staff carpark
corner of Stafford and Livingstone Streets, Hokitika

Time

Both events will be operating from 10:00am – 4:00pm

We are offering vaccinations to everyone aged 12 and older. Remember, getting vaccinated is the best way to protect ourselves and our whānau.

We will be able to cater for passenger cars or SUVs as well as people who arrive on foot, bike/motorbike or on mobility scooters. Unfortunately, we cannot accept trucks, or other high-side or wide vehicles at the drive-through centres.

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Westport COVID-19 drive-through vaccination events

When

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Saturday, 2 October 2021

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Sunday, 3 October 2021

Where

Pulse Energy Recreation Centre

Cnr Domett and Pakington Streets, Westport

Time

All events will be operating from 10:00am – 4:00pm

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Greymouth COVID-19 drive-through vaccination events

When

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Friday, 15 October 2021

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Saturday, 16 October 2021

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Sunday, 17 October 2021

Where

Greymouth Aerodrome, Aerodrome Road, Greymouth

Time

All events will be operating from 10:00am – 4:00pm

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Time to rattle the cage

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Communities **4** Local Democracy
He hapori mō te Manapori

Fresh ideas.
Better water.

From: Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 11 January 2022 2:51 PM
To: Bruce Smith <mayor.smith@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: FYI - MoH COVID-19 media release - Monday 10 January 2022

Hi Bruce –? I have been sent a copy of what the Canterbury mayors & CE’s are getting from the Canterbury & West Coast DHB. Are you receiving something like this –? hasd all the relevant information

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Subject: FYI - MoH COVID-19 media release - Monday 10 January 2022

Kia ora –? once again, nothing Canterbury-specific.

More than half a million boosters administered since November; 27 community cases; 35 people in hospital; one in ICU

News article

10 January 2022

Vaccination remains our key defence against all variants of COVID-19, including Omicron. We continue to ask everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated, including people who are now eligible for a booster dose.

In the past 24 hours, 10,703 booster doses (previous day: 21,821 doses) were given.

A total of 500,821 booster doses have now been given since they became available in late November 2021, representing more than 35% of those who are currently eligible.

Boosters are strongly recommended for anyone over 18 who has had their second dose at least 4 months ago.

From **17 January 2022**, anyone who has had their second dose more than 4 months ago can book a booster at [BookMyVaccine.nz](https://www.bookmyvaccine.nz). Many clinics are accepting walk-ins for boosters right now. You can also book currently by calling the COVID Vaccination Healthline team on 0800 28 29 26.

COVID-19 vaccine update

Vaccines administered to date (percentage of eligible people): 3,980,957 first doses (95%); 3,874,700 second doses (92%); 31,931 third primary doses; 500,821 booster doses

Vaccines administered yesterday: 459 first doses; 1,386 second doses; 123 third primary doses and 10,703 booster doses.

Māori (percentage of eligible people): 502,246 first doses (88%); 467,034 second doses (82%)

Pacific Peoples (percentage of eligible people): 270,331 first doses (94%); 260,277 second doses (91%)

Vaccination rates by DHB with active cases (percentage of eligible people)

Northland DHB: First doses (89%); second doses (85%)

*Auckland Metro DHBs: First doses (96%); second doses (94%)

Waikato DHB: First doses (94%); second doses (91%)

Bay of Plenty DHB: First doses (94%); second doses (90%)

Lakes DHB: First doses (92%); second doses (88%)

Taranaki DHB: First doses (93%); second doses (90%)

Tairāwhiti DHB: First doses (92%); second doses (87%)

Hawke's Bay DHB: First doses (95%); second doses (91%)

Canterbury DHB: First doses (98%); second doses (96%)

Capital and Coast DHB: First doses (98%); second doses (96%)

Hutt Valley DHB: First doses (96%); second doses (94%)

Hospitalisations

Cases in hospital: 35; Northland 1; North Shore: 6; Auckland: 12; Middlemore: 13; Tauranga: 3.

Vaccination status of current hospitalisations (Northern Region wards only): Unvaccinated or not eligible (9 cases / 30%); partially immunised <7 days from second dose or have only received one dose (8 cases / 27%); fully vaccinated at least 7 days before being reported as a case (12 cases / 40%); 1 unknown (3%).

Average age of current hospitalisations: 55

Cases in ICU or HDU: 1 (Middlemore).

Cases

Seven day rolling average of community cases: 30

Number of new community cases: 27

Number of new cases identified at the border: 33

Location of new community cases over past two days: Auckland (16), *Waikato (5), Bay of Plenty (2), Lakes (1), **Hawke's Bay (2), Wellington (1)

Number of community cases (total): 11,169 (in current community outbreak)

Cases epidemiologically linked (total): 8,426

Number of active cases (total): 1,073 (cases identified in the past 21 days and not yet classified as recovered)

Confirmed cases (total): 14,358

Contacts

Number of active contacts being managed (total): 6,196

Percentage who have received an outbound call from contact tracers (to confirm testing and isolation requirements): 66%

Percentage who have returned at least one result: 69%

Tests

Number of tests total (last 24 hours): 10,519

Tests rolling average (last 7 days): 12,345

Auckland tests total (last 24 hours): 5,587

Wastewater

There were no unexpected wastewater detections.

NZ COVID Tracer

Poster scans in the 24 hours to midday yesterday: 1,957,979

Manual diary entries in the 24 hours to midday: 37,784

My Vaccine Pass

My vaccine pass downloads total: 4,710,766

My vaccine pass downloads (last 24 hours): 8,041

New cases identified at the border

Arrival date	From	Via	Positive test day/reason	Managed isolation/quarantine location
28 December	Philippines	Singapore	Day 0 / routine	Christchurch
4 January	United States of America	Direct	Day 3 / routine	Christchurch
7 January	United Kingdom	Singapore	Day 0 / routine	Christchurch
6 January	United Kingdom	Singapore	Day 0 / routine	Christchurch
6 January	United Kingdom	Singapore	Day 1 / routine	Christchurch
4 January	United States of America	Direct	Day 3 / routine	Christchurch
7 January	Australia	Direct	Day 1 / routine	Auckland
7 January	United States of America	Direct	Day 0 / routine	Auckland
7 January	United States of America	Direct	To be confirmed	Auckland
7 January	United States of America	Direct	To be confirmed	Auckland
3 January	Australia	Direct	Day 5 / routine	Auckland
3 January	Fiji	Direct	Day 5 / routine	Auckland
7 January	Australia	Direct	Day 1 / routine	Auckland
7 January	United States of America	Direct	Day 0 / routine	Auckland
7 January	United States of America	Direct	Day 1 / routine	Auckland
7 January	Singapore	Direct	Day 0 / routine	Auckland
8 January	Malaysia	United Arab Emirates	Day 0 / routine	Auckland

7 January	India	United Arab Emirates	Day 1 / routine	Rotorua
31 December	United Kingdom	United Arab Emirates	Day 8 / routine	Auckland
7 January	United Arab Emirates	Direct	Day 1 / routine	Rotorua
7 January	India	United Arab Emirates	Day 1 / routine	Rotorua
7 January	Canada	United Arab Emirates	Day 1 / routine	Rotorua
5 January	Australia	Direct	Day 3 / routine	Auckland
7 January	France	United Arab Emirates	Day 1 / routine	Rotorua
7 January	India	United Arab Emirates	Day 1 / routine	Rotorua
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7 January	India	United Arab Emirates	Day 1 / routine	Rotorua
7 January	India	United Arab Emirates	Day 1 / routine	Rotorua
7 January	France	United Arab Emirates	Day 1 / routine	Rotorua
5 January	India	United Arab Emirates	Day 3 / routine	Auckland
7 January	United States of America	Direct	Day 1 / routine	Auckland
7 January	United States of America	Direct	Day 1 / routine	Auckland
5 January	Australia	Direct	Day 3 / routine	Auckland

Today's cases

We are reporting new community cases in Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Lakes and Wellington. We are also reporting two cases in Hawke's Bay, as outlined below. They tested positive in Waikato but have Hawke's Bay addresses. We are also reporting one case in Northland today which will officially be added to tomorrow's numbers.

Auckland metro vaccination update

*Today we are reporting 96% first dose and 94% second dose in Auckland metro's figures. These percentages are lower than those we reported in yesterday's update. Yesterday's percentages reflected the current situation in the Auckland DHB area only. Today's numbers reflect the combined percentage for Auckland, Waitemata and Counties Manukau DHBs.

Regional updates

We are continuing to ask anyone in New Zealand with symptoms –? no matter how mild –? to get tested, even if you're vaccinated. Please stay at home until you return a negative test result. We are also asking people to regularly check the [locations of interest](#) as these are regularly updated and to follow the advice provided.

Testing and vaccination centre locations nationwide can be found on the [Healthpoint website](#).

Please also continue to check for any updated Locations of Interest and appropriate health advice, updated regularly on the [Ministry's website](#).

Northland

There is one new case to announce in Northland today –? in the Hokianga area.

This case was reported after the daily cut-off and will be included in tomorrow's figures.

This case is linked to a known case in the Hokianga and was already in isolation as a close contact when they tested positive. Further investigations are underway to confirm any potential exposures from this case.

Auckland

There are 16 cases to report in Auckland today.

Health and welfare providers are now supporting 944 people in the region to isolate at home, including 204 cases.

Waikato

There are five new cases in the Waikato today, three are unlinked.

Two are in Hamilton, one in Ngāruawāhia, one in Whitianga, one in Coromandel town.

Pop-up testing sites are operating in Whangamatā and testing is available at general practices in Whangamatā, Whitianga and Te Awamutu by appointment. For details of all dedicated testing sites including other general practices, please visit [Healthpoint](#), the [DHB webpage](#) or DHB Facebook page.

In the Waikato, Public Health, primary care and manaaki providers are supporting 36 cases to isolate at home.

Bay of Plenty

There are two cases to report in the Western Bay of Plenty today.

One of today's cases is a household previously reported cases, and one is still being investigated for potential links.

Both cases are isolating at home.

At this stage, no further positive COVID-19 test results have been received associated with the drum and bass festival in Tauranga's Wharepai Domain on 3 January which had been attended by a person with COVID-19.

All those who attended the festival should monitor for symptoms and get tested if any symptoms develop, no matter how mild.

No further cases have been linked to the festival and the initial test results of the 11 close contacts of the Wellington case are all negative.

Lakes

There is one case to report in Rotorua today.

The case is still being investigated for links to previously reported cases.

**Hawke's Bay

There are two Hawke's Bay residents who have tested positive while in Waikato.

Both cases are previously linked to reported cases in Waikato.

Both cases are currently isolating in Te Kūiti. There are no known exposure events associated with these cases in Hawke's Bay.

Wellington

There is one new case to report in Wellington.

The case attended the Britomart Block Party in Auckland on New Year's Eve.

Anyone who attended this event between 11.15pm on 31 December and 2.30am on 1 January are advised to immediately get tested then self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days after you were exposed. If you have symptoms get tested, stay home until you receive a negative test result.

The case is in isolation and, at this stage, no associated locations of interest have been identified in the Wellington region. Locations of interest for other Wellington cases are published on the Ministry website and we encourage people to check these and follow the instructions for symptoms and testing.

Ngā mihi

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Care and respect for others –? *Manaaki me te kotua i ē?tahi*
Integrity in all we do –? *Ā? pai i ā? mā?tou mahi*
Responsibility for outcomes –? *Kaiwhakarite i kā? hua*



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