

Exclusion of the public

Report 14.205

That the Council:

1. *Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:*

Forestry cutting rights sale

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
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Forestry cutting rights sale

Certain information contained in this report relates to potential sale of forestry cutting rights. Release of this information would be likely to harm the negotiating position of the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) as it proceeds to the final stages of completing the sale documentation. If exposed to the market it would adversely affect GWRC's capacity to negotiate an outcome most advantageous for ratepayers. GWRC has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. to enable GWRC to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations).

2. *Permit Murray Kennedy, Business Consultant and Nicola Daly, DLA Phillips Fox, to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of their knowledge relating to the potential sale of forestry cutting rights. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because it is the subject of the report.*

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.