

18 December 2025

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By email: [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\]@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz)

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

## Request for information 2025-422

I refer to your request for information dated 2 December 2025, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 2 December 2025. You have requested the following:

- *"Copies of all communications, including emails, letters, and text messages between Metlink and Hon Chris Bishop regarding Metlink's Facebook reel posted on Monday 1 December regarding the RiverLink project and the upcoming closure of Melling Station.*
- *Copies of all communications, including emails, letters, and text messages between Metlink and the Ministerial Office of Hon Chris Bishop regarding Metlink's Facebook reel posted on Monday 1 December regarding the RiverLink project and the upcoming closure of Melling Station.*
- *Copies of all communications, including emails, letters, and text messages between Metlink and the MP Office of Hon Chris Bishop regarding Metlink's Facebook reel posted on Monday 1 December regarding the RiverLink project and the upcoming closure of Melling Station.*
- *Copies of all communications, including emails, letters, and text messages between Metlink and NZTA regarding Metlink's Facebook reel posted on Monday 1 December regarding the RiverLink project and the upcoming closure of Melling Station.*
- *Copies of all communications, including emails, letters, and text messages between Metlink and the Greater Wellington Regional Council regarding Metlink's Facebook reel posted on Monday 1 December regarding the RiverLink project and the upcoming closure of Melling Station.*

- *Copies of all internal emails within MetLink regarding Metlink’s Facebook reel posted on Monday 1 December regarding the RiverLink project and the upcoming closure of Melling Station.”*

**Greater Wellington’s response follows:**

Please refer to **Attachment 1** for copies of all communication held by Greater Wellington regarding the video posted 1 December 2025 to the Metlink Facebook account.

This includes communications between Greater Wellington and:

- The Honourable (Hon) Chris Bishop
- The Hon Chris Bishop’s Ministerial office and his MP office
- Communications with New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA)
- Greater Wellington councillors
- Internal communications within Greater Wellington.

Please note that Metlink is the Public Transport department of Greater Wellington and for purposes of this response we have interpreted your request for copies of internal communications to be communications between any Greater Wellington officer on the matter.

Note that while our officers were provided with a phone number for Hon Chris Bishop and a member of his team for use in the event of issues on the filming date, all communications were completed via either email or Teams.

Please note, as the phone numbers captured in the document provided are the personal mobile phone numbers of officers and of the Minister, we have withheld all phone numbers from the Attachment. We have withheld the mobile phone numbers under section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) in order to protect the privacy of natural persons.

When withholding information under section 7 of the Act, we are required to consider the public interest in the release of the information. In this circumstance we do not consider the public interest outweighs the need to protect the privacy of these individuals.

The Teams messages on page 33 of **Attachment 1** are the only recorded communication between Greater Wellington and NZTA on this project, with Daniel Whitfield being an NZTA official. We have only provided the messages that reference the video project or Hon. Chris

Bishop and consider that all other communications in this chat are out of scope of your requests.

Please refer to **Attachment 2** for a copy of the videography brief and the video filming outline.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



**Samantha Gain**

Kaiwhakahaere Matua Waka-ā-atea | Group Manager Metlink

**From:** [David Dillon](#)  
**To:** [Samantha Gain](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Chris Bishop video  
**Date:** Tuesday, 2 December 2025 12:16:00 pm  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)

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Hi Sam

Here's a summary timeline, please email chain below.

**Initial Proposal (7 Aug)**

- Di Robinson proposed creating a short video featuring Hon. Chris Bishop to support communications around the temporary closure of Melling Station and alternative travel options.
- Di provided draft wording for an email invite to the minister and offered support.

**ELT Decision (14 Aug)**

- Matt confirmed (via Dave) that ELT agreed Fiona Abbott should send the invite to Chris Bishop, with Lian and Sam supporting this.

**Email to minister (14 Aug)**

- Fiona sent the email to the minister's office

Dave

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**From:** Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 August 2025 11:23 am  
**To:** Fiona Abbott <[Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz)>; David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Re: Chris Bishop video

Tks Fiona - have copied below from my earlier email about how to send. Shout out if u need some support

Following on from Nigel's request that our partner CEO's are made aware of our intention to invite the minister to take part in a video, I understand from our programme comms leads that this has been done. If you are still open to the idea, it means we are now in a position to move ahead and send the proposal to the minister.

Our media team advise that an email will suffice – and that it should come from either one of you. Please see the proposed wording below, and feel free to rework into your own language if you prefer.

You just need to copy and paste the below into a new email, with the subject line: **Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station** and onsend to the minister @ [C.Bishop@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:C.Bishop@ministers.govt.nz)

Please let me know if there's any further support or detail you require from me as we progress

through this next step.

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**From:** Fiona Abbott <[Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 14, 2025 11:00 AM  
**To:** Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Chris Bishop video

OK!

This is funny

Do I just send the email?

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**From:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 August 2025 10:14 am  
**To:** Fiona Abbott <[Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Michelle Groves <[Michelle.Groves@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Michelle.Groves@gw.govt.nz)>; Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: Chris Bishop video

Kia ora Fiona

See below... Matt is back working today and has let me know that ELT decided that it should come from yourself. Please let us know if you need any help with it, or anything else.

Ngā mihi,

Dave



**David Dillon**

Kaiwhakahaere Whakapā | Marketing and Communications Manager

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**From:** Matthew O'Driscoll <[Matthew.ODriscoll@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Matthew.ODriscoll@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 August 2025 10:06 am  
**To:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Chris Bishop video

It was discussed at ELT that Fiona should send the invite to Bishop. Lian and Sam agreed to this.

Matt

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**From:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 12 August 2025 4:24 pm  
**To:** Matthew O'Driscoll <[Matthew.ODriscoll@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Matthew.ODriscoll@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: Chris Bishop video

Hi Matt

Do you have an update on this?

Dave

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**From:** Michelle Groves <[Michelle.Groves@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Michelle.Groves@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 12 August 2025 3:58 pm  
**To:** Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>; Fiona Abbott <[Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Chris Bishop video

Just following up on this as I believe Sam has spoken to Nigel and Matt – has Matt spoken to you about this?

**Michelle Groves**  
EA to Group Manager Metlink  
Ms7(2)(a) [REDACTED]

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**From:** Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 August 2025 12:32 pm  
**To:** Fiona Abbott <[Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz)>; Samantha Gain <[Samantha.Gain@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Samantha.Gain@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Chris Bishop video

Kia Ora Samantha/Fiona

I recently shared with you a proposal to create a short video featuring The Hon Chris Bishop as part of our communications for the upcoming temporary closure of Melling station, and the alternative travel plans in development by Metlink.

Following on from Nigel's request that our partner CEO's are made aware of our intention to invite the minister to take part in a video, I understand from our programme comms

leads that this has been done. If you are still open to the idea, it means we are now in a position to move ahead and send the proposal to the minister.

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Please let me know if there's any further support or detail you require from me as we progress through this next step.

Ngā mihi,  
Diane

makaurangi



**Di Robinson**

**She/Her/Hers**

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[Email]

Dear Minister

As part of our wider public engagement around the temporary closure of Melling station during the upcoming Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) works, we're exploring ways to connect more meaningfully with local public transport users.

I am writing to propose an opportunity for you to take the lead in a short, light-hearted but informative video that will reflect both your support and leadership of Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi and reinforces your role as a visible and proactive champion for local infrastructure and community resilience.

Our idea involves a sequence of four or five very short video segments (10-20 seconds), in which you are featured navigating the different travel alternatives that will be available during the Melling Station closure. The sequenced shots would reflect your journey to Parliament using various modes, for example:

- Catching one of the (145/149) diverted bus routes to Waterloo
- Catching a route 83 service straight into town from Queensgate (or another stop in Hutt Valley/Petone convenient to you)

- Jumping on a train at Waterloo (or any one of the other HVL stations – Petone, Woburn or Ava)
- Riding a bike along the Melling-Petone segment of Te Ara Tupua (or preparing to store one) at Petone station.

The video would end with a short segment showing you walking up the steps to the Beehive at the start of another day.

The script would offer a general overview of the different options, with subtitled links to Metlink websites for more info. We would be happy to include any message from you if you so wish.

Video would serve multiple purposes by:

- Demonstrating the many workable travel options that will be in place
- Supporting local public transport alternatives
- Reassuring the community through your visible support for the upgrade
- Engaging people across social media and local news in a fresh, relatable way.

As the Honourable Member for Hutt South, and the face of Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi, we believe your involvement would uphold confidence in the project while highlighting the long-term benefits of the many transport improvements it will deliver. We would of course accommodate your availability and ensure the filming and finished result is to your liking, low-key and efficient, with support from our comms team to keep it easy and professional.

I'd be delighted to talk further or answer any questions your own media team might have, and of course, happy to provide more detail if this sounds like something you'd be open to.

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**From:** [Tegan Harris](#)  
**To:** [David Dillon](#); [Mikaela Bossley Clark](#)  
**Cc:** [Di Robinson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station  
**Date:** Wednesday, 26 November 2025 9:43:25 am  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)

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Kia ora David,

Thanks for sending this through yesterday. We will show this to the Minister today and let you know if he has any concerns.

Thanks, Tegan

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**From:** David Dillon <David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 November 2025 11:40 am  
**To:** Tegan Harris <Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** Di Robinson <Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Kia ora

It's taken a while for us to pull this together, but finally here's a link to the video we made.

<https://GreaterWellington.au.canto.com/b/HCKRM>

We're hoping to put this on social next week. Please let me know if you have any comments, or if you have any concerns. Please also let me know if you have any special requirements for tagging on social etc.

Please do not share widely.

Ngā mihi,

Dave



**David Dillon**

Kaiwhakahaere Whakapā | Marketing and Communications Manager

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**From:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 September 2025 8:50 am  
**To:** Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Kia Ora Di,

I understand where you are coming from. We will leave it at Petone catching the 8:02 train. I will let you know on Monday if this will defiantly not work.

Looking forward to seeing the plan.

Thanks, Tegan

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**From:** Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 18 September 2025 4:13 PM  
**To:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Kia Ora Tegan – just jumping in here as Dave has been looking after the arrangements for this while I've been overseas.

We're delighted that Minister Bishop is able to support this initiative. I'm working on some key messages and an overview of how the video might play out and will send it through to you once confirmed with our videographer on Monday: I realise that's short notice for your office – various leave arrangements have left us squeezed.

We can change the venue to Woburn though Petone would be our first choice – mainly cos we are arranging for a bus to be available there so we can include two forms of alternative travel as we film the Minister leaving the bus and getting onto the train. However, no doubt his day is busier than ours. I can check the train times from Woburn and get back to you.

Ngā mihi,  
Diane

Di Robinson

makaurangi



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**From:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Thursday, 18 September 2025 11:52 am

**To:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Cc:** Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Hey David,

Would it be possible to go from Woburn station next Tuesday morning?

Thanks, Tegan

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**From:** Tegan Harris

**Sent:** Monday, 15 September 2025 8:11 AM

**To:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Cc:** Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Hi David,

I'm not sure if they both have snapper cards. Is it easy for your team to bring two along in case they don't?

Here is my number: **s7(2)(a)**. I am not sure who will be with him yet on the day but we can give you that phone number once we know who will be.

We will try our best to get him stepping off the bus before jumping on the train.

Thanks, Tegan

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**From:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Friday, 12 September 2025 4:41 PM

**To:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Cc:** Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Thanks Tegan. This should be fine. Just making sure that the Minister and his son will have snapper cards, or would you like us to provide them?

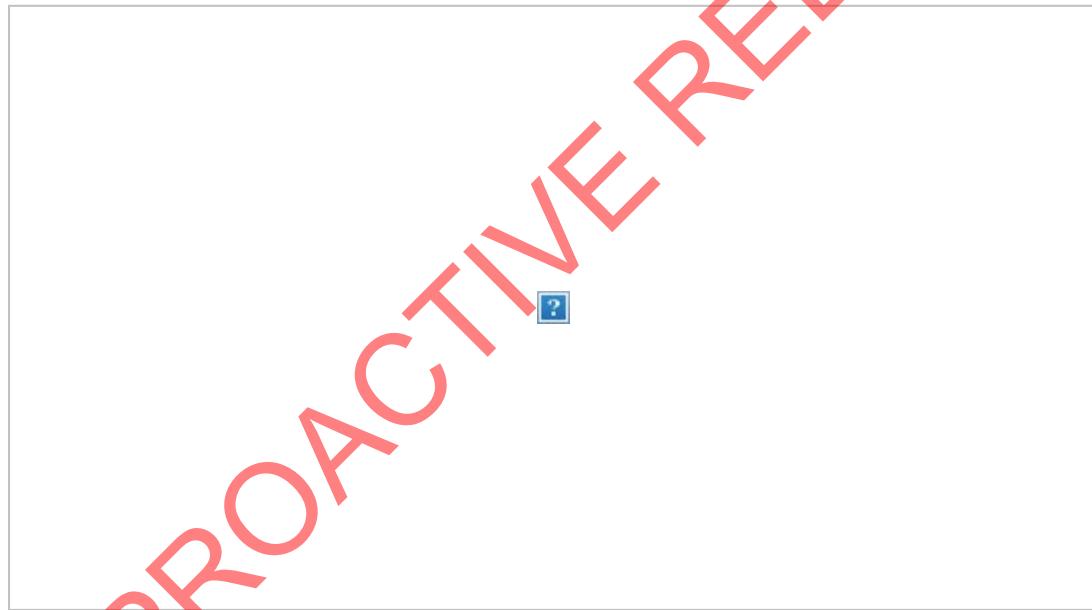
As noted previously, it would be good to have the phone number for someone (who will be with the Minister) on the morning.

One more detail... Transit are kindly going to make sure there is a bus waiting at the bus stop outside the station. If he's there a few minutes before 8, we can very quickly step on and off the bus, and still make the 8.02.

I've marked on this map where the bus stop is.

Thanks again for your support.

Dave



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**From:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Friday, 12 September 2025 4:03 pm

**To:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Hey David,

Thanks for sending this through. It looks like your team have put a lot of effort into a comprehensive plan.

Apologies we have had to move the date to Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. He will get the 8:02am train from Petone.

Also just a heads up he will have his son Jeremy who can be in the videos.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks, Tegan

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**From:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 2 September 2025 1:11 PM

**To:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Hi again

I have drafted a brief for our videographer. I'm working with Tranzit (bus operator) to have a bus waiting at the station bus stop. This would make it very easy and quick for the minister to step on and off the bus on his way into the station.

It may not work out, timing wise. Our goal is to show connectivity and multiple modes of transport – so it would be really great to have bus and train in the video.

Please let me know if you have any further comments.

Note there are a lot of trains around that time – between 6 and 14 minutes apart. It doesn't have to be a Melling Train – we can use the Hutt Valley Line too.

Line	Dep Petone	Arr Wellington
HVL	7.53	8.04
MEL	8.02	8.14
HVL	8.16	8.27
MEL	8.22	8.34
HVL	8.36	8.47

Will either of you be here with the Minister – can I have a phone number for someone on the morning?

Thanks for your help

Ngā mihi,

Dave

makaurangi



**David Dillon**

Kaiwhakahaere Whakapā | Marketing and Communications Manager

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**From:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Thursday, 21 August 2025 10:47 am

**To:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark

<[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Hi Dave,

Fine to have a bus in the background. If time allows, we will try to get a shot of him walking off the bus.

Thanks, Tegan

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**From:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 August 2025 3:46 PM

**To:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark

<[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Yes.

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**From:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 August 2025 3:17 pm

**To:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark

<[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Hi Dave,

Are we meaning the bus stop at the train station?

Thanks, Tegan

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**From:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 August 2025 3:15 PM

**To:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark

<Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz>

**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Thanks for that. I realise time is precious. Do you think we could meet at the bus stop, just a few minutes before the train leaves – we can have a bus there and show him getting off. Very simple. I'm just trying to show the network connections – it's an important element. Thanks again

Dave

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**From:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 August 2025 1:58 pm

**To:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Hi David,

I look forward to reading your creative brief and the Minister looks forward to being involved!

Unfortunately, we won't be able to get the Minister on a bike or bus leading up the station we already have a short window to make sure you get everything you need.

We have allowed time at the end to film him walking up the stairs.

Let me know if you need anything else at this stage.

Thanks, Tegan

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**From:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 August 2025 1:47 PM

**To:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Kia ora Tegan,

I'm looking after RiverLink while Di is on a well-deserved holiday.

Many thanks for coming back, it's great that Minister Bishop is keen to support this work.

Let's pencil in that date, and I'll work up a creative brief for our videographer – which I'll

share with you.

Something we've been thinking about... do you think it would be possible to show the Minister using another transport mode – to get to the station? Such as catching a bus (we could catch it from the previous stop around the corner), on a bike (locking it into the racks, etc.) or even using park and ride. Or, if possible, we could film him using a couple of these before he gets on the train.

There are different bus, bike, park & ride and train options at Petone and Waterloo around that time. Waterloo would be ideal because the diverted buses from Melling (while the station is closed) will be going to there. But any busy/train combo would work well.

Please let me know what you think would be possible and I'll work up a plan.

Ngā mihi,

Dave



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**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Hi Fiona,

The Minister could catch the train from Petone on the morning of Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. It looked to me like there was a train that left Petone at 8:02am and arrived in Wellington at 8:14am. Please confirm this will work for you and your team. We could then immediately head up and film the walk into the beehive after this.

Thanks, Tegan

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Thanks!

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Thanks Fiona. We will have a look at timings and see if we can fit something into the diary and come back to you.

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**From:** Fiona Abbott <[Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 August 2025 1:54 PM  
**To:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Thank you for your prompt reply. It will have to be well before December 24<sup>th</sup> when Melling will close for an extended period. It would be good to do it before 27 October and at the latest 10 September.

Di Robinson can work with you both to coordinate.

Thanks  
Fiona

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**From:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 August 2025 1:31 pm  
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Hi Fiona,

Thanks for reaching out. Your email has been passed onto Mikaela and I; we work in the Minister's office doing media and communications. Do you have a timeframe when this needs to be completed. I see in your email you have mentioned you will try and accommodate the Minister's schedule but is there a specific date you need to have these segments filmed by?

Thanks, Tegan

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**From:** Fiona Abbott <[Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 August 2025 11:31 AM  
**To:** Christopher Bishop (MIN) <[C.Bishop@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:C.Bishop@ministers.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Dear Minister

As part of our wider public engagement around the temporary closure of Melling station during the upcoming Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) works, we're exploring ways to connect more meaningfully with local public transport users.

I am writing to propose an opportunity for you to take the lead in a short, light-hearted but informative video that will reflect both your support and leadership of Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi and reinforces your role as a visible and proactive champion for local infrastructure and community resilience.

Our idea involves a sequence of four or five very short video segments (10-20 seconds), in which you are featured navigating the different travel alternatives that will be available during the Melling Station closure. The sequenced shots would reflect your journey to Parliament using various modes, for example:

- Catching one of the (145/149) diverted bus routes to Waterloo
- Catching a route 83 service straight into town from Queensgate (or another stop in Hutt Valley/Petone convenient to you)
- Jumping on a train at Waterloo (or any one of the other HVL stations – Petone, Woburn or Ava)
- Riding a bike along the Melling-Petone segment of Te Ara Tupua (or preparing to store one) at Petone station.

The video would end with a short segment showing you walking up the steps to the Beehive at the start of another day.

The script would offer a general overview of the different options, with subtitled links to Metlink websites for more info. We would be happy to include any message from you if you so wish.

Video would serve multiple purposes by:

- Demonstrating the many workable travel options that will be in place
- Supporting local public transport alternatives
- Reassuring the community through your visible support for the upgrade
- Engaging people across social media and local news in a fresh, relatable way.

As the Honourable Member for Hutt South, and the face of Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi, we believe your involvement would uphold confidence in the project while highlighting the long-term benefits of the many transport improvements it will deliver.

We would, of course, accommodate your availability and ensure the filming and finished result is to your liking, low-key and efficient, with support from our comms team to keep it easy and professional.

I'd be delighted to talk further or answer any questions your own media team might have, and of course, happy to provide more detail if this sounds like something you'd be open to.

Kind regards

Fiona



**Fiona Abbott**

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**From:** [Di Robinson](#)  
**To:** [Mikaela Bossley Clark](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 September 2025 9:02:59 am  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)

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Hi mikaela and Tegan

We got a tad wet but all went well and the minister delivered. I'll keep in touch with a completed version of the recording for the Minister's approval.

Thanks for your help and support to make this happen.

Diane

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**From:** Di Robinson  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2025 3:31:42 PM  
**To:** Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

I will be out the front, on the Jackson St side, just outside the waiting room. I'll be looking out for him.

Ngā mihi,



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**From:** Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 22 September 2025 3:29 pm  
**To:** Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>; Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Re: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Thanks Di. Where at the station will the Minister find you?

If you need to reach him directly in the morning, his mobile number is **s7(2)(a)**.

Thanks,

Mikaela

Mikaela Bossley Clark  
Senior Press Secretary to Hon Chris Bishop  
Ph. [021 275 0454](tel:0212750454)

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**From:** Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2025 3:04:52 PM  
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**Cc:** Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Kia Ora Tegan – hot off the press is our proposed plan/approach and messaging for Minister Bishop’s video planned for tmrow (Tuesday, Sept 23). Happy to discuss any

I will be @ Petone station from 7.45 tmrw morning with our two videographers: Shanon Stevens and Tegan Good.

We also have snapper cards for the minister and his son.

We have outlined the messaging and will leave with the Minister to adapt these as he sees fit into his own words.

We aim to film the minister:

- Getting off the bus (this will be ready and waiting outside Petone station)
- On the station platform
- On the train
- At Wellington Station (with Beehive in background)

The weather does not look the best, so we will do our best to move through it as quickly and smoothly as possible.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me on the number below if you have any concerns or issues. Do let me know who from the Minister’s office will be joining him.

Fingers crossed!

Ngā mihi,

makaurangi	<p><b>Di Robinson</b> <b>She/Her/Hers</b> Kaitohutohu Matua   Senior Marketing and Communications Advisor <b>Greater Wellington Te Pane Matua Taiao</b> <b>s7(2)(a)</b> 100 Cuba St, Te Aro, Wellington 6011 Follow us online: <a href="#">Facebook</a>   <a href="http://gw.govt.nz">gw.govt.nz</a></p>
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**From:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 15 September 2025 8:11 am  
**To:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Di Robinson <[Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Di.Robinson@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Hi David,

I'm not sure if they both have snapper cards. Is it easy for your team to bring two along in case they don't?

Here is my number: **s7(2)(a)** . I am not sure who will be with him yet on the day but we can give you that phone number once we know who will be.

We will try our best to get him stepping off the bus before jumping on the train.

Thanks, Tegan

**From:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 12 September 2025 4:41 PM  
**To:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>  
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Thanks Tegan. This should be fine. Just making sure that the Minister and his son will have snapper cards, or would you like us to provide them?

As noted previously, it would be good to have the phone number for someone (who will be with the Minister) on the morning.

One more detail... Transit are kindly going to make sure there is a bus waiting at the bus stop outside the station. If he's there a few minutes before 8, we can very quickly step on and off the bus, and still make the 8.02.

I've marked on this map where the bus stop is.

Thanks again for your support.

Dave

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Hey David,

Thanks for sending this through. It looks like your team have put a lot of effort into a comprehensive plan.

Apologies we have had to move the date to Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. He will get the 8:02am train from Petone.

Also just a heads up he will have his son Jeremy who can be in the videos.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks, Tegan

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 2 September 2025 1:11 PM  
**To:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Hi again

I have drafted a brief for our videographer. I'm working with Tranzit (bus operator) to have a bus waiting at the station bus stop. This would make it very easy and quick for the minister to step on and off the bus on his way into the station.

It may not work out, timing wise. Our goal is to show connectivity and multiple modes of transport – so it would be really great to have bus and train in the video.

Please let me know if you have any further comments.

Note there are a lot of trains around that time – between 6 and 14 minutes apart. It doesn't have to be a Melling Train – we can use the Hutt Valley Line too.

Line	Dep Petone	Arr Wellington
HVL	7.53	8.04
MEL	8.02	8.14
HVL	8.16	8.27
MEL	8.22	8.34
HVL	8.36	8.47

Will either of you be here with the Minister – can I have a phone number for someone on the morning?

Thanks for your help

Ngā mihi,

Dave



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**To:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Hi Dave,

Fine to have a bus in the background. If time allows, we will try to get a shot of him walking off the bus.

Thanks, Tegan

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**From:** David Dillon <[David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz](mailto:David.Dillon@gw.govt.nz)>  
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**To:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>; Mikaela Bossley Clark <[Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mikaela.BossleyClark@parliament.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Yes.

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**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Hi Dave,

Are we meaning the bus stop at the train station?

Thanks, Tegan

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Thanks for that. I realise time is precious. Do you think we could meet at the bus stop, just a few minutes before the train leaves – we can have a bus there and show him getting off. Very simple. I'm just trying to show the network connections – it's an important element.

Thanks again

Dave

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Hi David,

I look forward to reading your creative brief and the Minister looks forward to being involved!

Unfortunately, we won't be able to get the Minister on a bike or bus leading up the station we already have a short window to make sure you get everything you need.

We have allowed time at the end to film him walking up the stairs.

Let me know if you need anything else at this stage.

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Kia ora Tegan,

I'm looking after RiverLink while Di is on a well-deserved holiday.

Many thanks for coming back, it's great that Minister Bishop is keen to support this work.

Let's pencil in that date, and I'll work up a creative brief for our videographer – which I'll share with you.

Something we've been thinking about... do you think it would be possible to show the Minister using another transport mode – to get to the station? Such as catching a bus (we could catch it from the previous stop around the corner), on a bike (locking it into the racks, etc.) or even using park and ride. Or, if possible, we could film him using a couple of these before he gets on the train.

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**Subject:** RE: Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

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Thanks Fiona. We will have a look at timings and see if we can fit something into the diary and come back to you.

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**From:** Fiona Abbott <[Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Friday, 15 August 2025 1:54 PM

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Thank you for your prompt reply. It will have to be well before December 24<sup>th</sup> when Melling will close for an extended period. It would be good to do it before 27 October and at the latest 10 September.

Di Robinson can work with you both to coordinate.

Thanks

Fiona

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**From:** Tegan Harris <[Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Tegan.Harris@parliament.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Friday, 15 August 2025 1:31 pm

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Hi Fiona,

Thanks for reaching out. Your email has been passed onto Mikaela and I; we work in the Minister's office doing media and communications. Do you have a timeframe when this needs to be completed. I see in your email you have mentioned you will try and accommodate the Minister's schedule but is there a specific date you need to have these segments filmed by?

Thanks, Tegan

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**From:** Fiona Abbott <[Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Abbott@gw.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Thursday, 14 August 2025 11:31 AM

**To:** Christopher Bishop (MIN) <[C.Bishop@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:C.Bishop@ministers.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Community video to support temporary closure of Melling station

Dear Minister

As part of our wider public engagement around the temporary closure of Melling station during the upcoming Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) works, we're exploring ways to connect more meaningfully with local public transport users.

I am writing to propose an opportunity for you to take the lead in a short, light-hearted but informative video that will reflect both your support and leadership of Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi and reinforces your role as a visible and proactive champion for local infrastructure and community resilience.

Our idea involves a sequence of four or five very short video segments (10-20 seconds), in which you are featured navigating the different travel alternatives that will be available during the Melling Station closure. The sequenced shots would reflect your journey to Parliament using various modes, for example:

- Catching one of the (145/149) diverted bus routes to Waterloo
- Catching a route 83 service straight into town from Queensgate (or another stop in Hutt Valley/Petone convenient to you)
- Jumping on a train at Waterloo (or any one of the other HVL stations – Petone, Woburn or Ava)
- Riding a bike along the Melling-Petone segment of Te Ara Tupua (or preparing to store one) at Petone station.

The video would end with a short segment showing you walking up the steps to the Beehive at the start of another day.

The script would offer a general overview of the different options, with subtitled links to Metlink websites for more info. We would be happy to include any message from you if you so wish.

Video would serve multiple purposes by:

- Demonstrating the many workable travel options that will be in place
- Supporting local public transport alternatives
- Reassuring the community through your visible support for the upgrade
- Engaging people across social media and local news in a fresh, relatable way.

As the Honourable Member for Hutt South, and the face of Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi, we believe your involvement would uphold confidence in the project while highlighting the long-term benefits of the many transport improvements it will deliver.

We would, of course, accommodate your availability and ensure the filming and finished result is to your liking, low-key and efficient, with support from our comms team to keep it easy and professional.

I'd be delighted to talk further or answer any questions your own media team might have, and of course, happy to provide more detail if this sounds like something you'd be open to.

Kind regards  
Fiona



**Fiona Abbott**

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RELEASE

Di Robinson 25/07 2:25 pm

Kia Ora team - heads up we are moving ahead with the idea of inviting Chris Bishop to take the lead role in a quick 30-60 second video promoting alternative travel options in the lead up to the temporary closure of Melling station. Nigel our CEO has asked that, in the spirit of no surprises, can you please ensure your CEO's are made aware that we are looking to do this. Of course, Bishop may say no, so the fat lady ain't singing just yet (which is why I have decided not to share the idea with my Metlink colleagues until we have clarity). If the answer is negative we will look to find another prominent contender. Watch this space... 😊



Kathy Riley (External) 25/07 3:50 pm

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Di Robinson 25/07/2025 2:25 pm

Kia Ora team - heads up we are moving ahead with the idea of inviting Chris Bishop to take the lead role in a quick 30-60 second...

Thanks Di - I've advised CE's office, and cc'd Jon/Selwyn. Here's hoping we get the Bish!



Di Robinson 25/11 8:42 am

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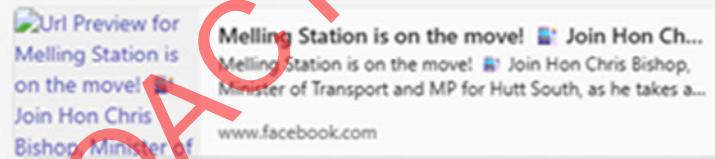
Kia Ora team - Chris Bishop Melling station closure video is hot off the press, should be going live this wk or next. Hope you can access this file to check it out: [1003609 - Melling train station closure December 2025 v3.mp4](#)



Di Robinson 1/12 2:10 pm

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Chris Bishop video is now live on the Metlink FB page, and links to partners: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1561977738455210>



Di Ruscio 9/15 2:52 pm

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Hey team - do we think Minister Bishop would be up for doing a video/promo about Melling station closing (closer to the time?) we cld film him at the station, catching a (diverted) bus, arriving at Waterloo station, cycling along the Petone-Wellington cycle path (or just putting a bike in one of the alternative bike racks?) as examples of all other ways for PT users to get to work??



Daniel Whitfield (External) 9/06 2:54 pm

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reach out to his office and see.



## Creative Studio Photography/Videography brief form

This brief form is designed to communicate photography/videography requirements with the Creative Studio.

The fields with a red star\* are mandatory and must be filled out for every project. All other fields are optional, but the more information you can give us about your project, the better.

An incorrectly filled out brief may result in delays to your project.

**Project name\***: Minister Bishop – getting to work on PT

**Date\***: 22 Aug 2025      **Client\***: Tracy/Ashleigh

**M&C Contact\***: Dave      **Client Department\***: RiverLink/Metlink

**When did this project go through Collaboration?\***: 25/08/25

**Project level (delete those that don't apply)\***: Advisory

### Project Background

Are these photos being taken for a specific project? If so, please explain the project here

This video supports public engagement around the temporary closure of Melling Station during the RiverLink works. It features Minister Bishop demonstrating alternative transport options available to commuters, including bus, train, and walking. The video will highlight the network connections and reassure the community about the available alternatives.

### Tone\*

What tone or message are you trying to convey with these photos/video?

Light-hearted, informative, relatable.

### Where will these images/videos be used?\*

Where do you plan to use these images? E.g. Social media, print, email, poster...

Social media, website, internal communications.

### Desired response

What is the behaviour we are wanting to change because of this communication? What do we want people to do? Be specific, including any call-to-action if needed.

Public reassurance and awareness of transport alternatives during the station closure.

### Photography or Videography?\*

*Does this project require photography, videography or both? If you aren't sure, we can advise what would work best.*

**Videography only** – this is a short video project featuring Minister Bishop demonstrating transport alternatives that will be available during the temporary closure of Melling Station.

### Models/Location

*Do you already have models or a location chosen? What kind of models/locations are preferred? Have the models signed permission forms?*

Minister Bishop will be filmed. Permission has been granted, but a formal release form is required. Locations include:

- Getting off a bus at Petone station (this will likely need to be staged with a waiting bus – and will be only be possible if time allows)
- Petone Station (tagging on, getting on the train)
- On the train (perhaps something funny with Aunty watching – on board posters)
- Beehive steps

Will need to consider how we follow him on the journey and transition from one mode to another. Can one videographer manage it, or do we need two? E.g. someone waiting at the Beehive as he walks up the steps.

### Considerations\*

*Are there any extra brand elements we should consider? Is there something unusual you think we should know about? Is there an existing document we should be aware of?*

Filming must be efficient and low-key. A bus may be in the background, and if time allows, a shot of the Minister walking off the bus will be included. Final segment will show the Minister walking up the Beehive steps. Capture soundbites along the way.

Video will be reviewed by the Ministers office before use.

Branding – Metlink livery will be very visible in the video. The overt branding of the video will be Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi.

### Has Te Hunga Whiriwhiri been engaged with?\*

*Some projects are big enough to require Te Hunga Whiriwhiri engagement. If you have spoken to Te Hunga Whiriwhiri, please share any any considerations. If your project DOESN'T require Te Hunga Whiriwhiri engagement, please explain why below.*

N/A

### Deadline\*

*What is the deadline for the project? Feel free to add any key dates that would affect the project.*

Filming on 24 September 2025; video to be released in October/November 2025

**Chris Bishop video film outline – Tuesday September 23 2025**

- Bus will be available for filming in station parking forecourt from 7.50am
- Train to Wellington from Petone leaves at 8.02am
- Minister to wear a mic
- Snapper cards (adult and junior to be provided)
- We will use two cameras – one phone/one hand-held
- Diane Robinson (GW Comms); Shanon Stevens, Tegan Good (GW videographers) to meet Minister outside Petone Station, on Jackson Street side.

[Scene 1 – Minister and son getting off bus at Petone station]

Purpose of section: informing public of melling station closure

**Minister on bus talking to camera, in your own words:**

**From the 24<sup>th</sup> of December, Melling station will be closing for up to three years to make way for Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi**

**Minister thanks driver, and gets off bus**

[Scene 2 – Minister and son on Petone station platform]

Purpose of section: apologising for any inconvenience & mentioning that alternative travel options are being made available

**Minister speaks direct to camera, in your own words:**

- **Apologise for any inconvenience**
- **Metlink has developed a range of alternative travel options to keep you moving around the Hutt Valley and into Wellington**
- **There's still plenty of seats on the Hutt Valley Line for train travellers, plus rerouted bus routes, extra park and ride spaces at Petone, and cycle racks at Petone and Waterloo**

[Scene 3 – minister and son on the train]

**Purpose of section:** explain why the changes are being made (positive changes)

Minister talks direct to camera to explain why station is closing, in your own words:

Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi will deliver:

- improved public transport and roading links
- bigger and better transport hub for Melling station users
- easy access into the city via a new pedestrian bridge
- improved flood resilience for the whole city
- and more

[Scene 4 – Minister getting off train at Wellington station or at station entrance]

**Purpose of section:** reassure commuters that things are improving

Minister talks direct to camera, in your own words:

- Melling station will be back better than ever, with huge improvements<sup>②</sup>
- Thank everyone for their patience<sup>②</sup>

[Scene 5 – Minister outside Wellington station, with Beehive in background]

**Purpose of section:** let public know where to find out more information

Minister talks direct to camera, in your own words<sup>②</sup>

- Find out more by visiting the Metlink website
- And choose the travel option that suits you best using the the Metlink journey planner

[Please note, may need to re-record some of the audio at completion of filming]

Minister to run through all talking points, as above<sup>②</sup>