

24 June 2024

File Ref: IRC-6485

@Suitandtie9999

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your online request of 14 May 2024 to Wellington City Council | Te Kaunihera o Pōneke (the Council) requesting the following information:

1. *Please provide all communications if any, from or to Councillor Nīkau Wi Neera concerning the upcoming Inflection Point at Tākina.*
2. *Please provide all communications if any, to and from all Wellington City Councillors, Mayor Tory Whanau and her staff, concerning the upcoming Inflection Point event.*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

Please find attached, as **Appendix 01** to my response, a copy of all correspondence to and from Councillor Nīkau Wi Neera, Wellington City Councillors, Mayor Whanau and staff from the mayor's office regarding the Inflection Point event held on 18 May 2024 at the Tākina Wellington Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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Nāku noa, nā

Official Information and Privacy Team  
Complaints & Information Assurance  
Wellington City Council

**From:** [Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon](#)  
**To:** [Mayor Tony Whanau](#)  
**Cc:** [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)  
**Subject:** Tākina Bookings Policy  
**Date:** Monday, 13 May 2024 4:37:01 pm  
**Attachments:** [Outlook\\_koutou2020.png](#)

FYI

**From:** Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz>

**Sent:** 13 May 2024 16:23

**To:** Barbara Mckerrow <Barbara.Mckerrow@wcc.govt.nz> [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) @wcc.govt.nz; [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) @wcc.govt.nz

**Cc:** Councillor Teri O'Neill <Teri.ONeill@wcc.govt.nz>; Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon <Laurie.Foon@wcc.govt.nz>; Councillor Ben McNulty <Ben.McNulty@wcc.govt.nz> [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) @wcc.govt.nz; Councillor Geordie Rogers <Geordie.Rogers@wcc.govt.nz>; Councillor Rebecca Matthews <Rebecca.Matthews@wcc.govt.nz>

**Subject:** Tākina Bookings Policy

Tēnā koutou,

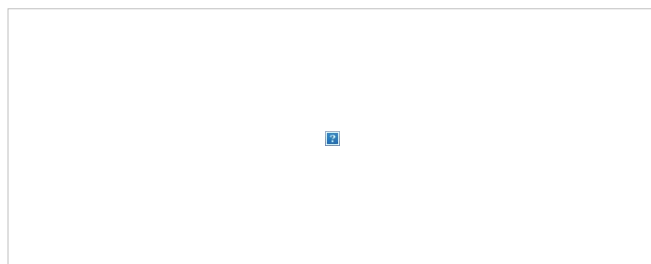
I'm writing to enquire about our policy for accepting bookings at Tākina. I appreciate it is run primarily by Te Papa, but I wonder whether the governing body had agreed on any criteria for those who might be accepted (or not) for use of the space. If not, I would suggest such a policy be created.

Cheers,

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[Ngāti Toa, Kāi Tahu, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Pāhauwera](#)  
Wellington City Councillor | Te Whanganui-a-Tara Māori Ward  
Chair, Pitau Pāmanawa Grants Subcommittee  
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**From:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

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**Subject:** RE: re the anti-trans event this Saturday at Tākina

Hi s7(2)(f)(ii)

We are going to regroup later today with s7(2)(f)(ii) to discuss the plan.

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**From:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 10:22 AM

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**Subject:** re the anti-trans event this Saturday at Tākina

Greetings all – I’ve just had a call from s7(2)(f)(ii) at Te Papa – she’s dealing with their comms re the above planned event – she’s wondering if WCC has any comms dating bck to when the Speak Up for Women events was booked at the MFC a few years ago. I told her I think 90% of our response was led by the Mayor’s Office under Mayor Foster so we might struggle to find anything – but if anyone has any releases/statements available then all contributions appreciated...

Cheers

s7(2)(f)(ii) – media team

**From:** s7(2)(f)(ii)  
**To:** s7(2)(f)(ii); s7(2)(f)(ii); s7(2)(f)(ii); s7(2)(f)(ii); DL: Social Media After Hours;  
 s7(2)(f)(ii); s7(2)(f)(ii); s7(2)(f)(ii); s7(2)(f)(ii); s7(2)(f)(ii)  
**Subject:** Re: Tākina event backlash on X  
**Date:** Monday, 13 May 2024 8:19:58 pm

s7(2)(f)(ii) is organising comms (and s7(2)(f)(ii) leading for Te Papa) so we'll chat tomorrow and he'll send something through.

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**From:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 7:54:55 PM  
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**Subject:** Tākina event backlash on X

Kia ora

s7(2)(f)(ii) has brought to our attention a lot of negative backlash on X aka Twitter on a Tweet Cr Nīkau posted re proposed event at Tākina this weekend. See attached.

Likely to get a lot of media attention too.

Understand there was some discussion today about it. Is there a statement prepared in case of public and media queries?

Ngā mihi, nā s7(2)(f)(ii)

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**From:** s7(2)(a)  
**To:** [Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** Tākina events centre, 18th May, Unsilenced conference thingy...  
**Date:** Monday, 13 May 2024 2:53:19 pm

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Kia Ora Tory,

Not sure if there's anything the council can do or if there are anti discrimination laws or council bylaws that can be used, but the group using the events centre to run the talk in the subject line are all far right hate mongers (McCroskie of Family First and Brian Tamaki),

just thought i'd make you aware of that,

Nga mihi nui,

s7(2)(a)

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**From:** s7(2)(a)  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Urgent action required - Hate speech event being held at Takina this Saturday  
**Date:** Monday, 13 May 2024 12:08:33 pm

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Tēnā koe Tory,

My name is s7(2)(a) and s7(2)(a) Countering Hate Speech Aotearoa (CHSA). CHSA was formed to promote legislation against hate speech in Aotearoa, provide support to organisations on hate speech topics, and ensure professionals do not veer into hate speech in their professional lives. We have a focus on LGBTQIA+ issues, with a particular interest in the rights of transgender, intersex, genderdiverse, gender-queer and non-binary people.

I would like to inform you that Takina is hosting an event entitled "Unsilenced: Middle New Zaland on Ideology" organised by [inflectionpoint.nz](https://inflectionpoint.nz) this Saturday. It is an anti-transgender conference.

This event features such speakers as Jan Rivers, Bob McCoskrie and Brian Tamaki. They all hold trans-annihilationist views. This is not just a matter of speakers discussing single-sex spaces, these speakers want to stop trans people existing in society wholesale. It is without a doubt a hate speech event.

Our opinion is that the council could cancel this event on health and safety grounds as (1) a large protest is planned, and (2) it is unsafe to have LGBTQIA+ employees staff this event. No employee should be subject to hate speech against themselves at work.

I know personally that you are a tireless advocate for the LGBTQIA+ community and that you will feel the same way about this event as we do.

Therefore, I hope that your conscience exerts itself strongly and you use the WCC shareholding in Takina to have the event cancelled.

Ngā mihi nui,

s7(2)(a)

s7(2)(a)

Countering Hate Speech Aotearoa

s7(2)(a)

3:30

VoLTE 99%

← Nikau Wi Neera



to give me or Mike a bell

Tuesday, 14 May • 11:09 am

🔒 RCS chat with Nikau

When is that release going out? I'm getting lots of press but don't want to pre-empt

Tuesday, 14 May • 12:49 pm

Yo. Protest group unhappy that officers are doing a H&S investigation. Makes it seem like they're the violent ones. Can we put out comms to clarify that it's about worker safety in a politically charged environment/ exposed to hateful rhetoric etc

Sorry just in filming with Tory will call you back soon

1:05 pm



RCS message



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**From:** s7(2)(f)(ii)  
**To:** s7(2)(f)(ii)  
**Subject:** FW: media query re Tākina protest - possible response  
**Date:** Wednesday, 29 May 2024 3:26:52 pm

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**From:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 10:47 AM  
**To:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: media query re Tākina protest - possible response

Yep nice. Send yours and I'll send mine after

**From:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 10:46 AM  
**To:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** FW: media query re Tākina protest - possible response

How about this??

s7(2)(f)(i)

**From:** Philip Crump <philip.crump@nzme.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 10:36 AM  
**To:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: media query re Tākina protest

ok, thanks s7(2)(f)(ii)

I'll await your statement from the Mayor, and also from s7(2)(f)(ii) with regard to WCC.

Many thanks

**From:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 10:30 AM  
**To:** Philip Crump <philip.crump@nzme.co.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: media query re Tākina protest

Hi Philip,

I will provide a statement from the Mayor shortly, and will leave s7(2)(f)(ii) to respond to questions for WCC.

**From:** Philip Crump <philip.crump@nzme.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 10:24 AM

To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: media query re Tākina protest

Thanks s7(2)(f)(ii), much appreciated.

I have emailed the councillor directly for comment and confirmation.

Pearl: I would be grateful if you could respond to the queries below that request comment from WCC/Mayor Whanau.

Many thanks and regards,

Philip

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From: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 10:21 AM

To: Philip Crump <philip.crump@nzme.co.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: media query re Tākina protest

Greetings Philip – I've copied in s7(2)(f)(ii) in the Mayor's Office (s7(2)(f)(ii) no longer works there). We have no reason to believe it wasn't Cr Wi Neera who posted – but you could always call him to confirm.

Cheers

s7(2)(f)(ii) – WCC Comms

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From: Philip Crump <philip.crump@nzme.co.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 10:07 AM

To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii)

<s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Subject: media query

Kia ora s7(2)(f)(ii) and s7(2)(f)(ii),

I am following up on a social media post that appears to be from a Wellington City Council member in relation to an Inflexion Point event being held at Takina in Wellington headed "Anti-Trans Event this Saturday from 'nikau4people'.

The post states that Nikau has "been running around all day trying to get this sorted, and shut it down if we possibly can".

The post states that "A health-and-safety assessment is currently underway to investigate whether protest action(s) would pose unacceptable risk to staff at Takina, and whether the event could be cancelled as a result."

It concludes by stating that "Whatever happens, myself and several of my colleagues will either be working to stop this event or failing, that, we'll be on the picket line."

Please can you confirm whether Nikau Wineera sent this post and whether the WCC supports him and the proposed action described in the statement.

In particular, please confirm whether the WCC believes that it is appropriate for Nikau to suggest taking part in protest action that could pose a risk to staff and on that basis have the event canceled?

Is Mayor Whanau aware of this post and does she support it?

Please can you respond by 1pm.

Nga mihi,  
Philip

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**From:** s7(2)(f)(ii)  
**To:** s7(2)(f)(ii)  
**Subject:** FW: Tākina event backlash - inquiry from The Post (Tom Hunt) and possible response  
**Date:** Tuesday, 14 May 2024 9:38:09 am

This is what Te Papa are proposing to say

**From:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 9:37 AM  
**To:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** FW: Tākina event backlash - inquiry from The Post (Tom Hunt) and possible response

**From:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@tepapa.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 9:25 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: Tākina event backlash - inquiry from The Post (Tom Hunt) and possible response

This looks good to me. Te Papa draft messaging below.

We still need to determine the best approach in terms of media spokesperson.

I also think that it is useful to reference the Human Rights Commission guidance.



s7(2)(f)(ii) (she / her)  
Kaiwhakahaere Whakapā | Head of Marketing and Communications  
Te Papa | s7(2)(f)(ii) | s7(2)(f)(ii)@tepapa.govt.nz

**From:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 9:20 AM  
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Subject: RE: Tākina event backlash - inquiry from The Post (Tom Hunt) and possible response

s7(2)(f)(ii) wording looks great to me.

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From: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 9:16 AM

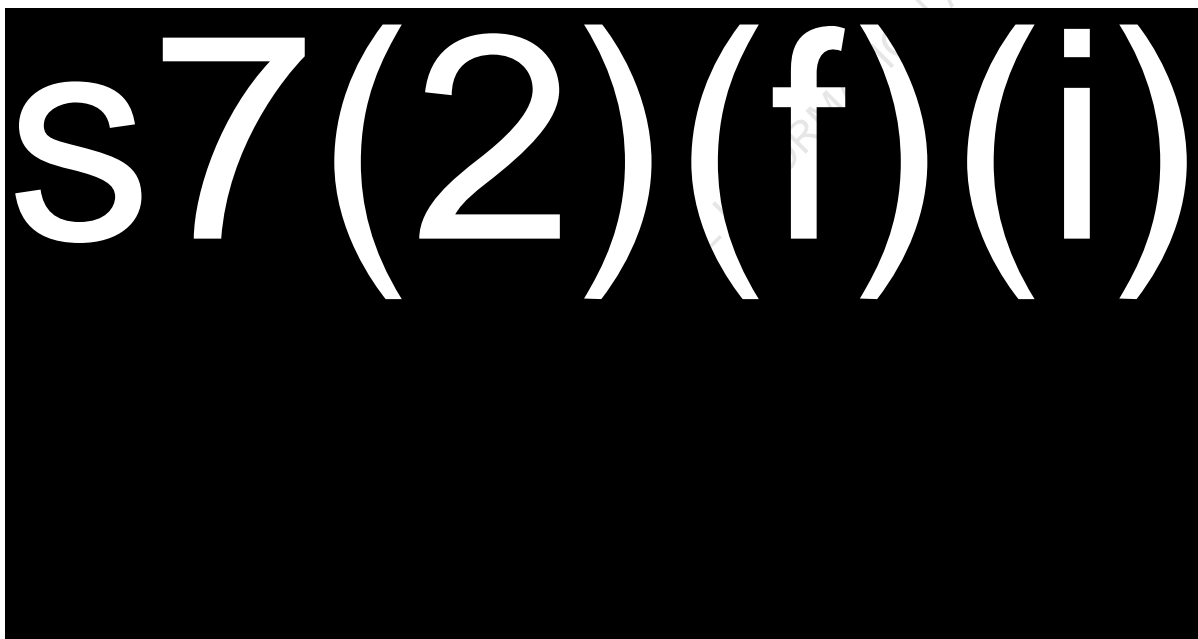
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Subject: RE: Tākina event backlash - inquiry from The Post (Tom Hunt) and possible response

I think it's important to provide a bit more context (particularly for sharing with Councillors).

How's:



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From: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 9:05 AM

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I like it – see suggested change!

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From: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 9:02 AM

To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@tepapa.govt.nz>

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Subject: RE: Tākina event backlash - inquiry from The Post (Tom Hunt) and possible response

Greetings – why don't we provide words s7(2)(f)(i)

s7(2)(f)(i)

Cheers

s7(2)(f)(ii) – WCC Comms

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**From:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 8:31 AM  
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**Cc:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: Tākina event backlash on X

Can you share your messaging and s7(2)(f)(ii) and I will ensure ours aligns. Thanks s7(2)(f)(ii)

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**Subject:** Re: Tākina event backlash on X

I have had a media inquiry this morning from Tom Hunt.

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**Subject:** Tākina event backlash on X

Kia ora

s7(2)(f)(ii) has brought to our attention a lot of negative backlash on X aka Twitter on a

Tweet Cr Nīkau posted re proposed event at Tākina this weekend. See attached.

Likely to get a lot of media attention too.

Understand there was some discussion today about it. Is there a statement prepared in case of public and media queries?

Ngā mihi, nā [REDACTED]

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**From:** [Councillor Teri O'Neill](#)  
**To:** s7(2)(f)(ii)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Anti-Trans event at Tākina & Counter Rally  
**Date:** Friday, 24 May 2024 4:37:05 pm

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**From:** Councillor Iona Pannett <Iona.Pannett@wcc.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 11:43:01 AM

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**Subject:** Re: Anti-Trans event at Tākina & Counter Rally

Thanks for that Teri, I think that these are all reasonable suggestions. Is there a need to have a meeting to discuss a plan?

Many thanks

Ngā mihi maioha

Iona Pannett (she/her)

**Kaikaunihera o Pōneke Wellington City Councillor (Pukehinau Lambton Ward)**

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**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 10:34 PM

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**Subject:** Anti-Trans event at Tākina & Counter Rally

Kia Ora Tīma,

I wanted to make sure council are across two events happening at TĀKINA & the counter Rally in front of te papa this Saturday.

Context: NZ First are preparing the introduction of the their anti-trans “bathroom bill” through Parliament, a Brian Tamaki group have a booking at Tākina Convention Centre this Saturday to encourage NZ First to move faster and go further.

Organizing the counter rally is Pōneke Anti-Fascist Coalition and Queer Endurance in Defiance in front of Te Papa. From working with this group in the past for the Civic Square Rally's, I can anticipate 100+ of people to come

Date: Saturday 18th May

Time: 11.30am - 1.30pm

Where: 65 Cable St (street in front of Te Papa)

1. With most of the event details known, is WCC able to coordinate with Te Papa and TĀKINA to ensure everyone's safety?  
This could look like Māori wardens, Pacifica police and working with the organisers of the counter protest alongside potential need for traffic management in the area.
2. Can we get a conversation rolling around making sure our Transgender, takatāpui, irawhiti whānau community and council staff feel affirmed & if we are able to listen to suggestions from community. Maybe this looks like council staff at Arapaki and the Youth Centre are aware of what's happening and can be a safe space?  
In the past I've liaised with Sweet release cafe and El barrio & Eva to make sure there's a business network of safe spots.
3. Are we able to all be prepared for vandalism of the rainbow crossing, and have a comms plan in case?

In recent times the Brian Tamaki Crew have sparked a range of controversy around the country in his interactions with Council.

Are we able check in with council staff working at libraries and community spaces in the CBD are doing okay?

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2024/04/destiny-church-leader-brian-tamaki-says-he-s-suing-councils-libraries-for-rainbow-washing.amp.html>

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/ldr/512228/rotorua-cancels-drag-queens-rainbow-storytime-for-kids-over-safety-concerns>

<https://www.thepost.co.nz/nz-news/350230572/brian-tamaki-promises-more-same-police-investigate-hate-crimes>

Hoping we can have a joined-up council response, so we are prepared when Saturday rolls around.

Teri



Nikau >

Tue, 14 May at 10:07 AM

Kia ora **s7(2)(f)(ii)**. Been getting a lot of media queries RE Tākina. Could you flick me through the lines you're running when you get a chance?

Kia ora councillor - have asked **s7(2)(f)(ii)** to send through our holding line

ASAP please - on the phone with RNZ right now hahaha

Tue, 14 May at 2:00 PM



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**From:** s7(2)(a)  
**To:** s7(2)(f)(ii)@takinaevents.co.nz  
**Cc:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Meeting between Countering Hate Speech Aotearoa and Takina  
**Date:** Tuesday, 14 May 2024 7:53:47 pm

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Tēnā koe s7(2)(f)(ii),

I am writing again to insist that you meet with Countering Hate Speech Aotearoa tomorrow by Zoom.

You met with the Free Speech Union NZ today but have not met with us.

We are the FSU's main opposition in NZ. It is unreasonable to meet with them without meeting with us.

We are preparing to take this matter to the High Court on Thursday for a judicial review on the grounds that it would be unsafe to staff this event.

No one should be forced to go to work and listen to calls for their own annihilation. The speakers at this event are trans-annihilationist. Even worse Brian Tamaki and Bob McCoskrie want all LGBT people to stop existing.

I remain disappointed at your silence and wish to discuss this with you.

Ngā mihi nui,

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Countering Hate Speech Aotearoa

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**From:** s7(2)(a)  
**To:** Mayor  
**Cc:** s7(2)(f)(ii)  
**Subject:** Nikau wi Neera  
**Date:** Tuesday, 14 May 2024 10:03:40 am

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Dear Mayor,

I am writing to say that I deplore the actions of Nikau Wi Neera in bullying in part using or riffing off the fact that he is a city Councillor to spread misinformation about the event on Saturday 18/5/24 at Takina. He is totally wrong in his slants as a reading of the programme indicates.

Here is a link to the programme.

<https://inflectionpoint.nz/>

There are some world renowned speakers coming via video link including Jennifer Bilek and Mia Hughes together with superb NZ and Australian speakers there in person.

Is it too much to ask that people be allowed 4 hours to listen in peace to these speakers?

Please note that last time several councils at the time got itself in deep legal hot water with misguided attempts to cancel speakers

<https://www.franksogilvie.co.nz/news/case-brief-whitmore-v-palmerston-north-city-council>

WCC was one that was planning to follow the actions of Palmerston North City Council. It did not but residents and ratepayers were treated to the unedifying spectacle of Mayor Foster and at least one councillor, Fleur Fitzsimons, protesting outside the venue. As they did not make clear, even if they were able to, that they were there in a private capacity it looked as though they represented an official WCC position, which they should not have been.

I hope that you will provide reassurance to the many people who were looking forward to listening to thoughtful speakers that they will be able to do this.

I hope that you are able to provide counsel to Nikau Wi Neera about not bringing the Council into disrepute and advise him of the rights of women and people generally to go about their business including listening quietly to speakers.

Your Sincerely

s7(2)(a)

**From:** [Councillor Rebecca Matthews](#)  
**To:** s7(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Re: Inflection point & Tākina  
**Date:** Tuesday, 14 May 2024 2:50:28 pm

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Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Thanks for emailing - and my views haven't changed, I still view this transphobia as completely abhorrent, and I don't want to platform it in any way. You may have seen that the venues are reviewing the health and safety implications of this event. You might also have seen that they registered the event under a different name which is also very interesting!

Whatever the outcome of the review of the event, I will make my opposition to this event and my support for our trans whānau known.

Ngā mihi  
Rebecca

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**From:** s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 11:51 AM  
**To:** Councillor Rebecca Matthews <Rebecca.Matthews@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Inflection point & Tākina

Hi Councillor Matthews,

My name is s7(2)(a). I live in Northland - within your ward. I just wanted to say I am extremely disappointed with WCC's decision to platform the transphobic inflection point event by allowing them to hold their event at Tākina - a council owned venue. Among their speakers are Brian Tamaki, Bob Mccoskrie (of family first), and an mp who voted in favour of conversion therapy. I do not feel this event aligns with WCC's stated values and i feel the rhetoric and misinformation being shared by these people will do significant damage to our transgender friends and whānau. I voted for you in large part because of your views and actions in the past around similar issues.

Regards.

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From: s7(2)(a)  
To: s7(2)(a) <s7(2)(a)@gmail.com>  
Subject: Re: Inflection point meeting  
Date: Tuesday, 14 May 2024 12:46:55 pm  
Attachments: Outlook-cc@wcc.govt.nz

You talk about hatred... what is this if not hatred.  
Getting fucked with the business end of a barbed wire baseball bat  
Fuck up Terfs, stab your local terf, all terfs should die, laterally kill terfs. Not into mass genocide but terf genocide i am, Terfs need to be eliminated off the face of this earth.

These are the words from your rainbow community, the people you stand up for.  
So dont accuse others of being hateful when your side behaves like this.

Guess we will see more women being assaulted this weekend when you come to demonstrate.

s7(2)(a)

On Tue, 14 May 2024, 10:52 am Councillor Nikau Wi Neera, <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Tēnā koe s7(2)(a).

Wellington City Council supports our trans and rainbow community. Full stop. This is enshrined not only in specific policies, strategies, and plans, but also in our governance structures and advisory groups. Our Community Facilities are inclusive, safe spaces for all, and it would be totally inconsistent for Council to routinely allow those who bring exclusionary, divisive, or hateful rhetoric to use our spaces. If we were to allow such a thing to proceed unchallenged, we could not in good faith claim to be supporters of our rainbow whānau.

Such rhetoric, and the civic strife it brings, also poses a genuine health and safety risk to the workers at these facilities, some of whom may belong to these communities themselves. As the owner of the space, we have a responsibility to ensure our kaimahi are safe, and not exposed to rhetoric which denies their right to exist. If the event goes ahead, I will personally show up and do my utmost to ensure the safety of our rainbow community and event staff.

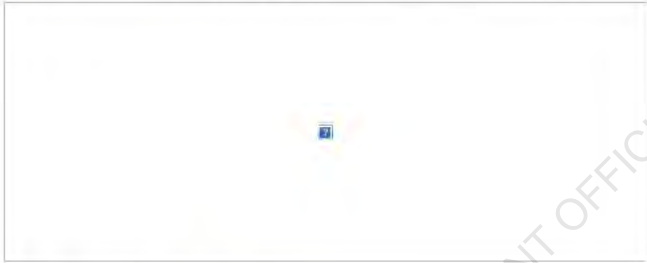
In this specific case, we currently understand the booking to have been made under a different name in order to secure a space. Our officers are presently reviewing our options regarding the status of the event. I am using my position appropriately to advocate for the wellbeing of my community, and our Mayor's Office will be releasing a statement echoing the concerns of our Councillors.

I will never apologise for speaking up for those who are constantly exploited, demonised, and subjected to violence by the same sectors of society that this event enables.

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Nikau Wi Neera  
Ngāi Toa, Kāi Tahu, Ngāi Tahu, Ngāi Pihauwera  
Wellington City Councillor | Te Whanganui-a-Tara Māori Ward  
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Sent: Tuesday, 14 May 2024 09:09  
To: Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz>  
Subject: Inflection point meeting

Kia ora

I read your announcement about shutting down a meeting by this group, since when do you get to decide who is allowed to meet and where in Wellington. Your attitude of I've been running around trying to get this shut down is a disgrace.

Just because you may not like the subject matter of this meeting it does not give you the authority to attempt to shut it down.

In NZ we have freedom of speech, its called a democracy. Groups are allowed to discuss whatever they want or are you now the thought police too.

WCC has no right to stop any group meeting, just because they dont agree with you.

I dont know what this meeting is about but clearly you have decided its anti trans and for that reason you want it shut down. This is anti freedom of speech, we cant all agree on everything, we dont live in a communist state where thoughts are controlled by government.

Shame on you, stay in your lane and get back to the job you are employed to do.

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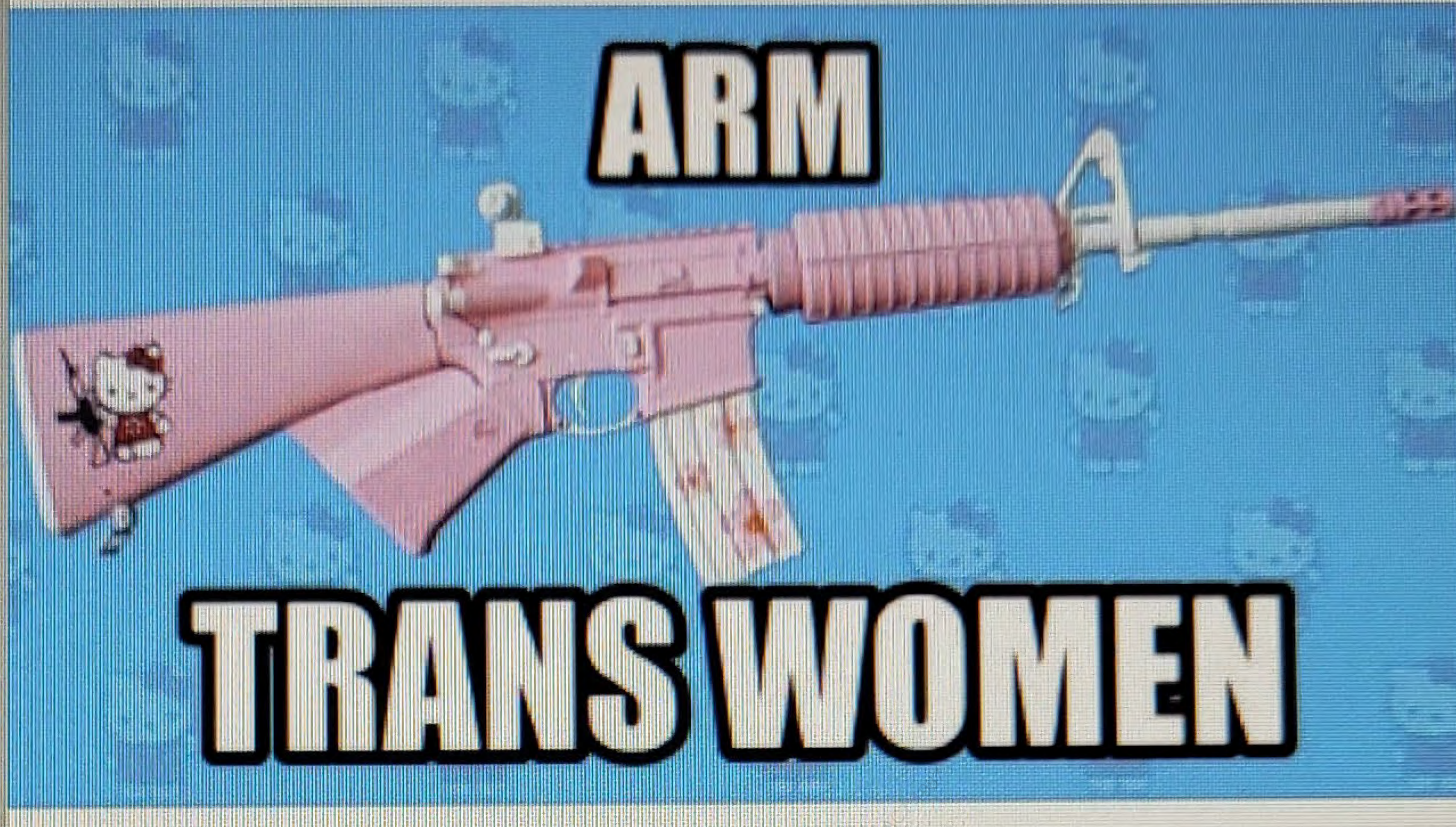


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do you know a terf? cave their head in with a rock

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I wanna direct a snuff film where multiple TERFs get shot in the head but don't die, they just suffer in agony

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If you encounter a TERF in the wild, deposit them in the nearest dumpster. Remember: Keeping our streets clean is everyone's responsibility.

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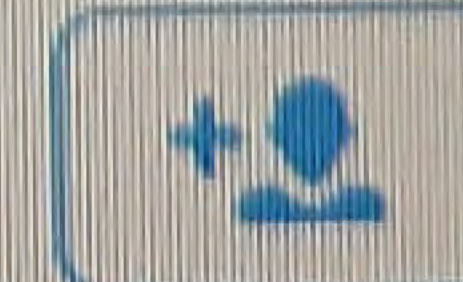


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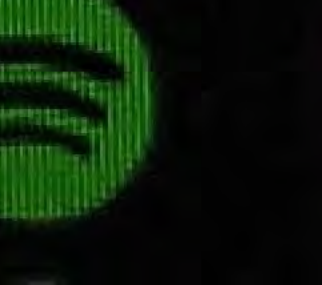
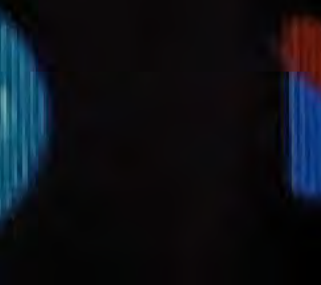
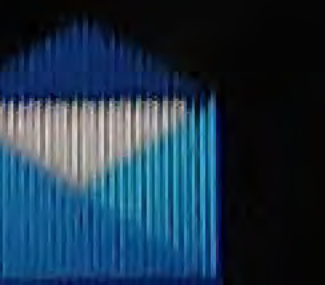
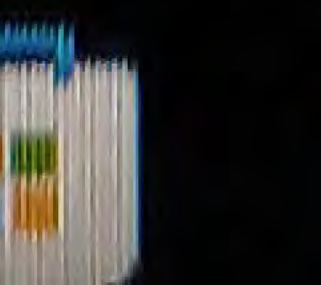
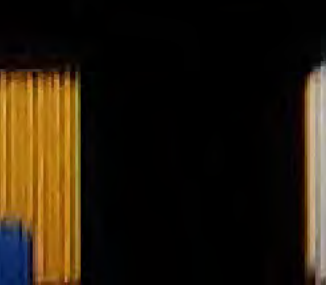
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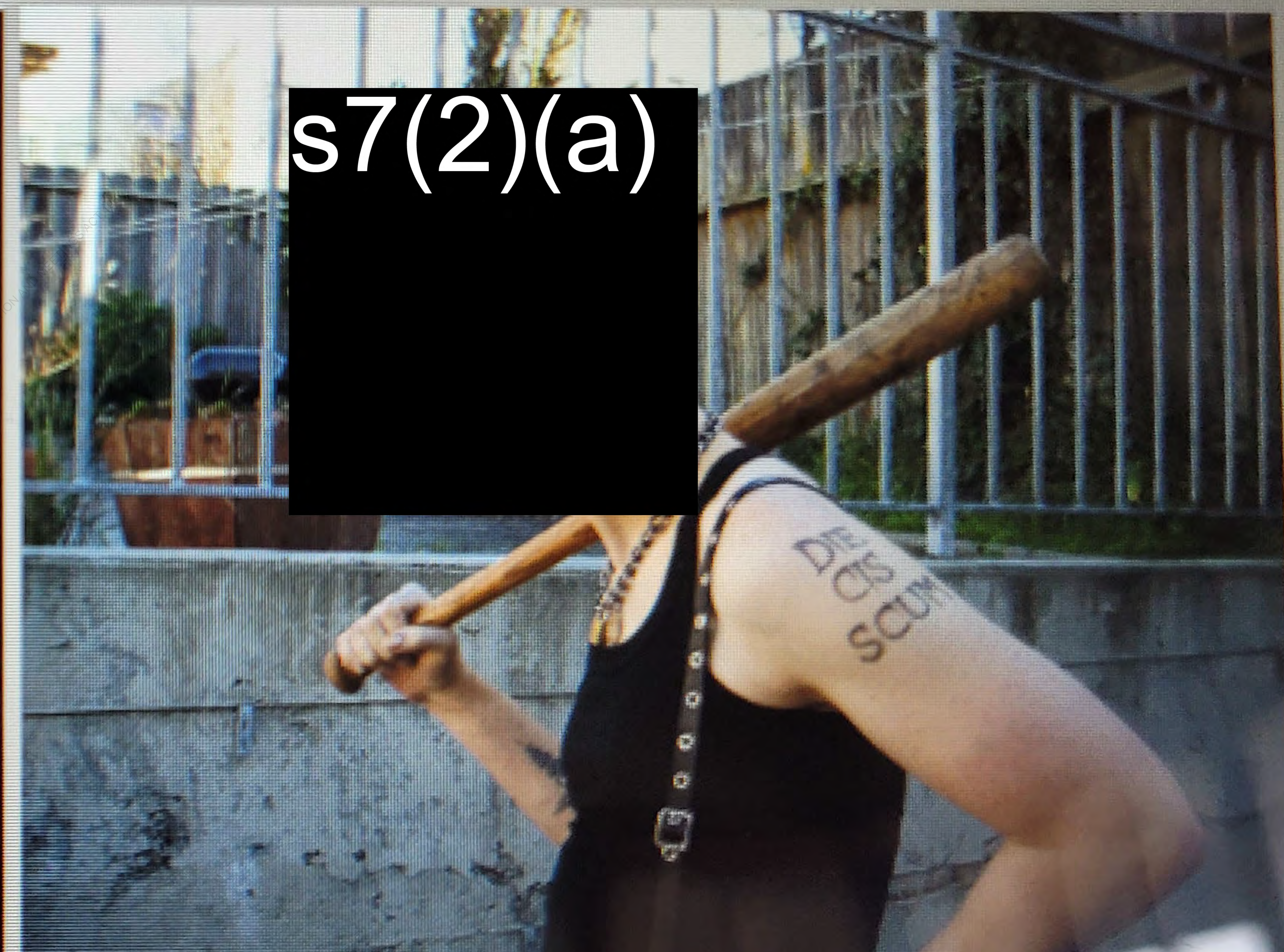
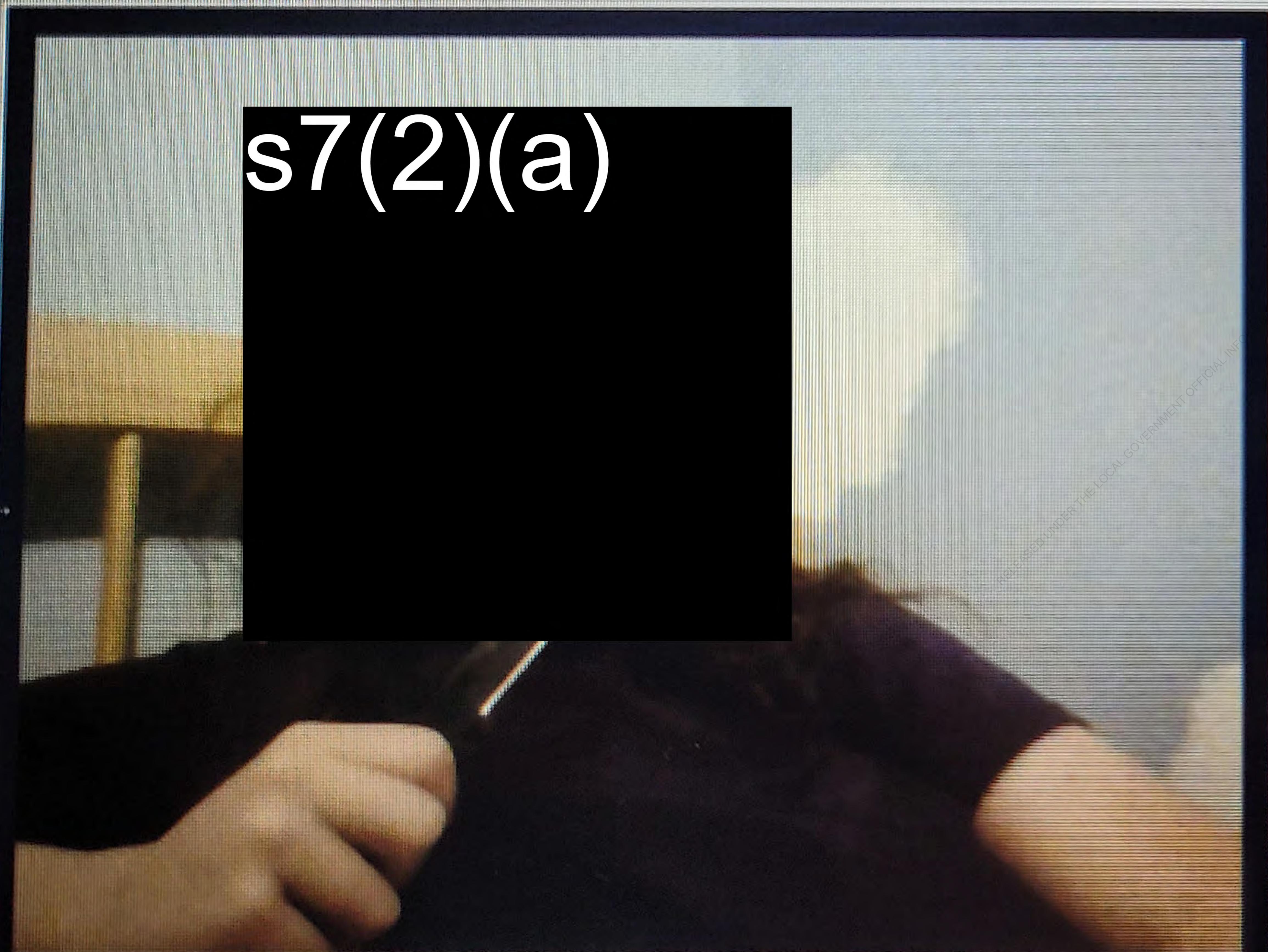






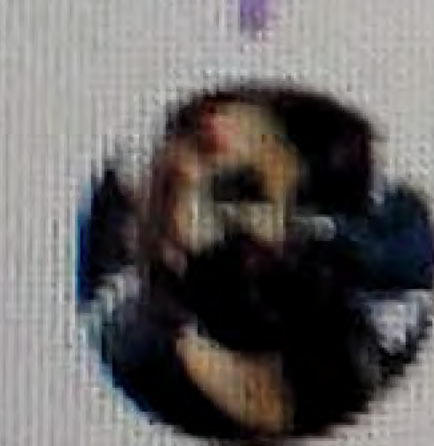
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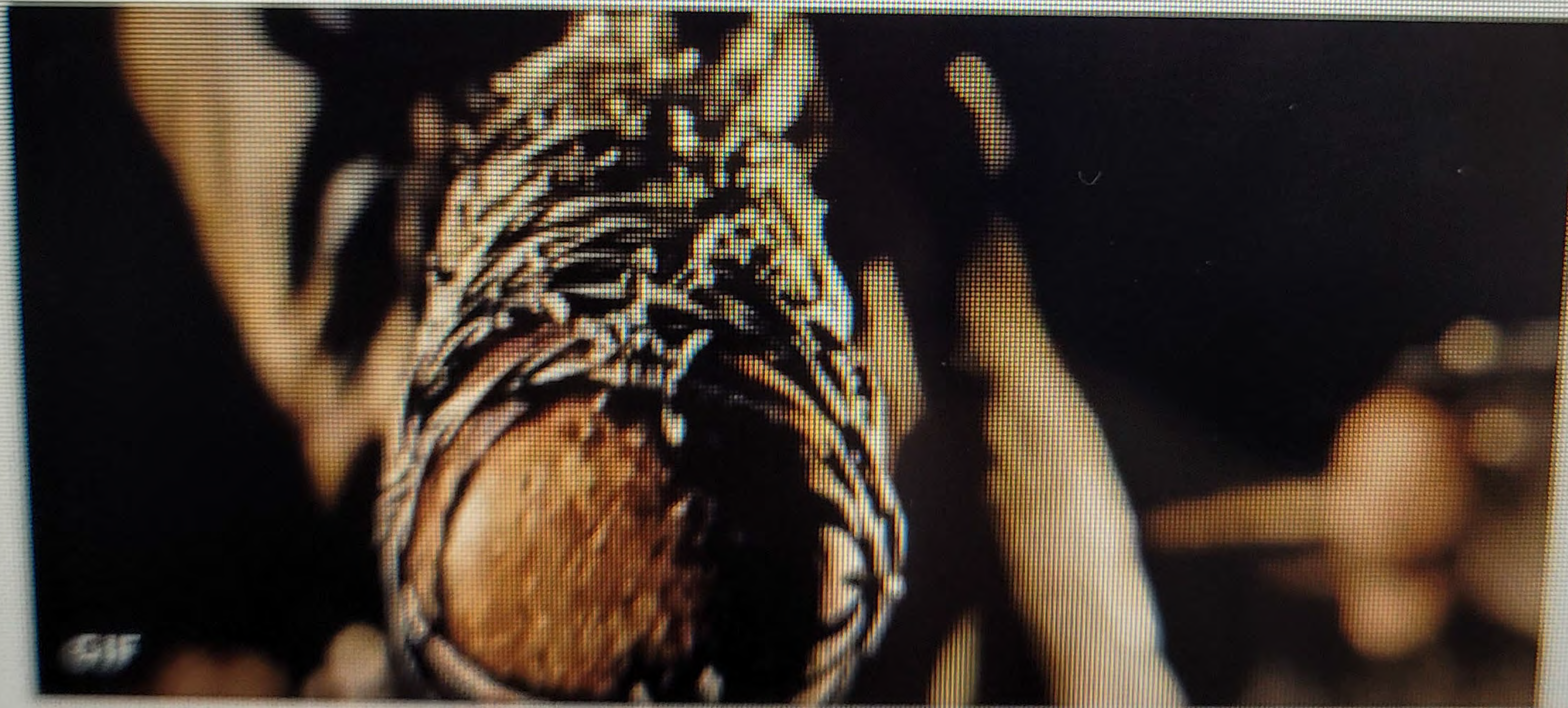
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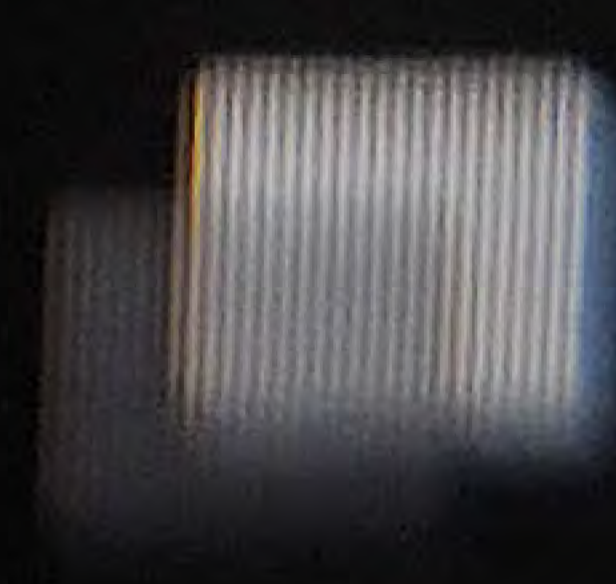
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**Subject:** RE: Media query re: Tākina  
**Date:** Tuesday, 14 May 2024 9:05:41 am  
**Attachments:** image001.png  
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Yep s7(2)(f)(ii) and I are discussing a possible response with s7(2)(f)(ii) at Te Papa.

**From:** Media <Media@wcc.govt.nz>  
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**Subject:** FW: Media query re: Tākina

Morena

As expected from last night's discussions, Tom is first cab off the rank – will leave for you to respond accordingly.

Have also given Queer at Council a heads up on the recent activity and events on weekend.

Ngā mihi, nā s7(2)(f)(ii)



**From:** Tom Hunt <tom.hunt@stuff.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 6:51 AM  
**To:** Media <media@wcc.govt.nz>; s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@tepapa.govt.nz>; Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz>; Erin Gourley <erin.gourley@stuff.co.nz>  
**Subject:**

Hi all,

Can I check this is correct please and see if Te Papa/WCC is planning to stop this, or if it even can?

Cheers

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



**POLITICS**

Kia ora folks. Nikau here, Councillor at WCC.

I heard earlier today that Inflection Point NZ, featuring Brian Tamaki, have managed to get a booking at our venue, Tākina. I've been running around all day trying to get this sorted, and shut it down if we possibly can. Just a few things I'd like to clarify to anyone feeling (rightly) angry, frustrated, or anxious about this:

- Inflection Point and their hateful event are utterly unwelcome in this city, and my colleagues and I will do everything we can to stop them traumatising our trans and queer community.
- Te Papa, rather than WCC, handles the bookings of Tākina, and allegedly booked this event mistakenly without realising that it was Inflection Point rather than NZ First.
- A health-and-safety assessment is currently underway to investigate whether protest action(s) would pose unacceptable risk to staff at Tākina, and whether the event could be cancelled as a result.
- There is legal precedent which complicates things; similar events (e.g Speak up for Women) have had to go ahead after Courts sided against Palmerston North and Wellington City Councils when we've tried to decline or cancel events in the past.

Whatever happens, myself and several of my colleagues will either be working to stop this event or, failing that,

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Great. Well done

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“It’s my understanding that Te Papa and Wellington City Council are currently monitoring the situation regarding a planned event at Takina on Saturday to see how we best protect our queer and takatapui whanau here in Pōneke.

“I am deeply concerned that rhetoric being discussed at this event is harmful to our trans and queer community. Make no mistake, I completely and utterly condemn hate against our rainbow whānau anywhere in Aotearoa.

“Wellington City Council has a longstanding commitment to recognising diversity and inclusion in the capital. Building a city that rainbow communities feel safe and included is a key priority for Council.

“In this city, discrimination will never be tolerated. Pōneke is a place where everyone can live with dignity, equality, and respect. End of story.”

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**Subject:** Brian Tamaki in Wellington  
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I am strongly against Brian Tamaki and his populist drop outs speaking in Wellington. If he is speaking publicly I do hope police are in attendance so he can be immediately arrested and hauled off as soon as he starts spouting his monetised hate speech.

I am strongly opposed to Council facilities being used for misogynistic and homophobic propaganda. If any one wants to listen to this buffoon they know where to find him, hiding behind his laughable bikie goons. Hilarious that they look so much like The Village People.

s7(2)(a)

Te Aro resident

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**Subject:** Draft Takina cancellation PR

Please add any additional context/feedback

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## **Wellington City stands with Pōneke's Rainbow and Takatāpui community**

Council staff have been supporting Te Papa to undertake risk and health and safety assessments for a planned conference at Tākina this Saturday.

Te Papa has assessed that at present the conference can be conducted safely and are proceeding on that basis. They will continue to actively monitor the situation, and additional security measures will be in place.

To demonstrate Council's support of our trans community the Michael Fowler Centre will be lit up in trans-inclusive flag colours on Saturday night.

"We have seen before the sort of division and unrest that these events cause for our Rainbow community. The safety and security of staff and the Rainbow community is paramount," says Mayor Tory Whanau.

"I am extremely concerned that rhetoric at this event is harmful to our trans and queer community.

"Wellington City Council has a longstanding commitment to recognising diversity and inclusion in the capital. Building a city that Rainbow communities feel safe and included is a key priority for Council.

"In this city, discrimination will never be tolerated. Pōneke is a place where everyone can live with dignity, equality, and respect. End of story."

Social Cultural and Economic chair and Rainbow Councillor Teri O'Neill also said that work had been done to ensure the safety and wellbeing of trans whānau.

"The council has a role in making sure our Rainbow and Takatāpui communities are safe in the city, and so we're reaching out to our business and community networks to facilitate spaces where people can decompress and take a breather on Saturday."

ENDS

For more

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**From:** Mayor  
**To:** s7(2)(f)(ii)  
**Cc:** s7(2)(f)(ii); s7(2)(f)(ii)  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting between Takina and Countering Hate Speech Aotearoa.  
**Date:** Wednesday, 15 May 2024 8:02:23 am

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FYI – email from Countering Hate Speech Aotearoa

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 5:55 PM  
**To:** Mayor <mayor@wcc.govt.nz>; Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Meeting between Takina and Countering Hate Speech Aotearoa.

Tēnā korua Tory and Nikau,

I am disappointed that s7(2)(f)(ii) of Takina met with the Free Speech Union today but will not meet with Countering Hate Speech Aotearoa. We have been met with radio silence.

We have a differing legal opinion that Takina should not be exposing its employees to hate speech which is a psychosocial work hazard.

If either of you as stakeholders in Takina could bring pressure upon Mr. Dorrington to meet with us we would be grateful.

Ngā mihi nui,

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**Cc:** [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#); [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#); [Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon](#); [Councillor Nikau Wi Neera](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Unsilenced Event - this Saturday 18th May  
**Date:** Wednesday, 15 May 2024 10:24:34 am

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Many thanks, it could be quite a big piece of work unfortunately and will need legal input given some of these people are prepared to use the courts to spread their message. It should probably be put on the forward programme.

Ngā mihi maioha

Iona Pannett (she/her)  
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**Subject:** RE: Unsilenced Event - this Saturday 18th May

Kia ora

I agree some guidelines are needed. My office doesn't have capacity for this but [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) and [s7\(2\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) will follow up and see who can.

Nga mihi

[Tory Whanau](#)  
 Mayor of Wellington | Wellington City Council

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**Subject:** Re: Unsilenced Event - this Saturday 18th May

Thank you s7(2)(f)(iii) for this update.

I have previously argued for a Venues Policy to guide us in situations like this and your e-mail is a reminder that I needed to follow up. I have had discussions with s7(2)(f)(ii) but ultimately I think the responsibility lies with council to do this.

Whilst there is an obvious need to protect the right to protect free speech, I expect that those exercising that right will do it in a responsible manner.

Tory and Teri, what do you think about developing some guidelines? They could be done internally rather than as an external policy.

Happy to discuss.

Ngā mihi maioha

Iona Pannett (she/her)

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**Subject:** Unsilenced Event - this Saturday 18th May

Kia ora koutou,

An event titled 'Unsilenced' is scheduled to take place this Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at Tākina.

The event, organised by Inflection Point NZ, is described as "a summit for New Zealanders who want the government to stop the gender indoctrination and medicalisation of our children."

The event was booked under another name. Late last week Te Papa, which operates the venue

on behalf of Wellington City Council, was made aware of the content of the event when the event started its promotion.

Over the past couple of days, Te Papa and the Council have been made aware of planned protest action in response to the event.

Te Papa, the Council and other interested parties are discussing the situation and what our options are, taking into account legal, security, and health and safety considerations. We will have a clearer picture in the next day or so.

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**Subject:** Re: Unsilenced Event - this Saturday 18th May  
**Date:** Wednesday, 15 May 2024 10:30:24 am

I'm really curious how you reconcile your free speech position Ray with the fact you've complained about speeches that MPs have made at council venues and tried to impose rules to limit what they can say?

It comes across as a Wellington City Councillor trying to shut down speech and disdain for democracy...

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Didn't she write about bunnies in the forest? Well, I believe we do have basic inalienable rights and one of these is freedom of speech and expression and I can quote Supreme Court justices who give examples of these. Absolutely, we also have obligations and there may very well be limits on these but they mustn't detract from the basic right of people to lawfully go about their business.

I want to create environments so that everyone feels safe, welcomed, supported, valued and respected. I am vehemently opposed to discrimination where people are treated unfairly for things including gender or sex, religion, where you're from, or your sexual orientation.

Now I'm sounding like Spock the Vulcan or Yoda!

Cheers, Ray

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Evelyn Beatrice Hall I think. But no right is sacrosanct in western philosophy Ray. We also have obligations and limits are imposed on those rights.

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Voltaire didn't say that.

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Thanks for this s7(2)(f)(ii) et al

My view on this is we're living in a democracy where the right of "Free Speech" is sacrosanct. We should not bow down to mob rule, whatever form it takes. If protesters break the law, they should face the consequences. This is exactly the same with bullies and this is another example of this. As Voltaire, a famous philosopher in the 1600's said, "I may disagree with what you say but I will defend to the death, your right to say it!"

The strength of Wellington is the power for the event to proceed. We trust our citizens to exhibit tolerance and restraint respecting ideas and views from all. This is the strength of democracy and every citizen's right.

To have a Wellington City Councillor attempt to shut this down does this council a disservice and demonstrates an absolute disdain for democracy.

In case you're thinking that I have an interest in this event and am planning to attend, I'm not as I'll be driving to Owhango on Saturday to pick up my new puppy and that's far more important.

Cheers, Ray

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Kia ora koutou,

An event titled 'Unsilenced' is scheduled to take place this Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at Tākina.

The event, organised by Inflection Point NZ, is described as "a summit for New Zealanders who want the government to stop the gender indoctrination and medicalisation of our children."

The event was booked under another name. Late last week Te Papa, which operates the venue on behalf of Wellington City Council, was made aware of the content of the event when the event started its promotion.

Over the past couple of days, Te Papa and the Council have been made aware of planned protest action in response to the event.

Te Papa, the Council and other interested parties are discussing the situation and what our options are, taking into account legal, security, and health and safety considerations. We will have a clearer picture in the next day or so.

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I wanted to make sure council are across two events happening at TĀKINA & the counter Rally in front of te papa this Saturday.

Context: NZ First are preparing the introduction of the their anti-trans "bathroom bill" through Parliament, a Brian Tamaki group have a booking at Tākina Convention Centre this Saturday to encourage NZ First to move faster and go further.

Organizing the counter rally is Pōneke Anti-Fascist Coalition and Queer Endurance in Defiance in front of Te Papa. From working with this group in the past for the Civic Square Rally's, I can anticipate 100+ of people to come

Date: Saturday 18th May

Time: 11.30am - 1.30pm

Where: 65 Cable St (street in front of Te Papa)

1. With most of the event details known, is WCC able to coordinate with Te Papa and TĀKINA to ensure everyone's safety?  
This could look like Māori wardens, Pacifica police and working with the organisers of the counter protest alongside potential need for traffic management in the area.
2. Can we get a conversation rolling around making sure our Transgender, takatāpui, irawhiti whānau community and council staff feel affirmed & if we are able to listen to suggestions from community. Maybe this looks like council staff at Arapaki and the Youth Centre are aware of what's happening and can be a safe space?  
In the past I've liaised with Sweet release cafe and El barrio & Eva to make sure there's a business network of safe spots.
3. Are we able to all be prepared for vandalism of the rainbow crossing, and have a comms plan in case?

In recent times the Brian Tamaki Crew have sparked a range of controversy around the country in his interactions with Council.

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**To:** s7(2)(f)(ii)  
**Subject:** FW: Update: Inflection Point NZ Unsilenced event - Please put our support behind the Phoenix  
**Date:** Monday, 20 May 2024 3:31:00 pm

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 Mayor of Wellington | Wellington City Council

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No there was no request or plans to light it up yellow.

Council is also a major supporter of the Phoenix

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Not sure what you think s7(2)(f)(ii) but I think it's safe to say that there will be huge amounts of support for the nix down at the sold out stadium, where the game is happening.

Was there a request from the Councillor to make it yellow before the decision was made about the trans colours?

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**Importance:** High

Some ugliness below. I'm keen to do a strong response but note it'll likely get leaked. Can you please advise.

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Thanks s7(2)(f)(ii)

We have the one of the biggest games ever on Saturday night with a sell-out games supporting our football team the Phoenix.

Saturday should be reserved for "yellow"- We are Wellington after all and this is a unique occurrence. It's a sell out stadium with 30,000 attending. Much more than any radical event and protestors.

Let's keep our focus on the real game of the day that far more Wellingtonians are interested in and a better news sorry for the city. We need to stop pandering to minority extremists (on both sides of the debate) and giving them even more air. We need to support real football, not political football.

In the meantime, please advise who made the decision to light up the Michael Fowler Centre in rainbow colours (noting this has occurred in the past with full support) instead of yellow to support the Phoenix prior to and during their game? I request that the decision not to light up MFC in yellow is reviewed immediately

Regards

Diane

Diane

Councillor Diane Calvert

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17/05 9:37 am

Hey Teri - could you have a squizz at the PR I just circulated and check you're happy with your quote/add in anything you want?

17/05 9:50 am

Any thoughts? Tory is keen for it to go out around 10

Councillor Teri O'Neill 17/05 9:50 am



looking at it now



17/05 9:52 am

Woohoooo

17/05 10:02 am

Good to go? I changed your title

Councillor Teri O'Neill 17/05 10:04 am



Good to go

17/05 10:05 am

Fab

Councillor Teri O'Neill 17/05 12:19 pm



DC has motioned in the chambers she's putting out her own press release on the topic

17/05 12:34 pm

Omg

THE SIGN BY THE AIRPORT IS LIT UP

I just



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**From:** [Councillor Ray Chung](#)  
**To:** [Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon](#); s7(2)(f)(ii); [DL: Councillors](#)  
**Cc:** s7(2)(f)(ii); s7(2)(f)(ii); s7(2)(f)(ii); s7(2)(f)(ii); [GRP: Executive Leadership Team \(ELT\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Update: Inflection Point NZ Unsilenced event  
**Date:** Sunday, 19 May 2024 9:24:19 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
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Hi Laurie

Many thanks for this and I don't recall being at this training otherwise I would have had a lot more questions.

Going through this information and I don't know whether I could call this empirical data to support the assumptions but happy to look into this further.

This information doesn't answer, to my mind, a very simple question?

I've worked in many countries where people are treated differently and included in these are: South Africa, Zambia, Namibia and most sub-Saharan countries. UAE, Saudi Arabia and indeed, many Middle Eastern countries. Malaysia, Cambodia, Laos, Brunei and a few Asian countries and the one country that stands out for treating every race equally is Singapore, however, they do treat different groups differently including the "Rainbow community." My point is that I've found that any country who treats different people differently or applies the law differently is doomed to have difficulties and friction amongst these groups. We could apply the Animal Farm example of saying everyone in the farmyard is equal but some are more equal than others.

In all these countries and in New Zealand, I strive to treat everyone equally and if you cast your mind back to the meeting on Friday about KPI's, I went to great pains to emphasise that we should be trying to make if not everyone, the majority of people safe in Wellington. Now, this is why I'm asking this question because while it seems a very simple question, the answer appears to be elusive.

So why is this? Where's the empirical data to say why we need to have different policies or even laws and Acts for different groups?

Why is it that I often hear that to make people safe, we need to treat them differently? Why is this? Shouldn't we treat everyone the same so that everyone feels safe?

Simple question, where's the simple answer?

Cheers, Ray

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Hi Ray,

Thanks for your questions. I am stepping in to respond to this.

Last November we offered training to all councillors from InsideOUT on how to understand more about our Rainbow and takatāpui communities.

I cannot recall if you were at the training, so I have put the resources from this below so that you can go through this yourself and find an answer to your question.

I hope this helps.

Laurie

#### **InsideOUT Kōaro Workshop details:**

**When:** Tuesday November 7, 1:30-4:30pm

**Facilitators:** Neo (he/him/ia) + River (they/them)

This 3 hour workshop will address the importance of spaces and mahi that values diversity and inclusion of rainbow & takatāpui communities. It is designed to give anyone an understanding of why this cultural shift is important, and how to safely engage with and listen to our communities. We will focus on the practical experiences of rainbow communities, as well as things everyone can do to support inclusion and equity for these communities.

#### **What we'll cover:**

- Statistics & research on rainbow & takatāpui communities in Aotearoa - the challenges that they face & points of resilience
- Deeper understanding of sexuality, sex and gender diversity including key concepts such as terminology, pronoun use
- Practical tips towards leadership that exercises advocacy for and inclusion of rainbow & takatāpui communities
- Further resources for community engagement and learning

#### **Expectations for attendees:**

- **Please ensure you engage from a place of respect for the lived experiences and realities of your facilitators**, along with anyone else in rainbow, takatāpui and intersex communities. While we encourage curiosity and questions that will help build on your current knowledge and expand the learning taking place during the session, this is not the environment for debate, or challenging of our communities.
- Please refrain from asking invasive questions about our facilitators' personal experiences.

While we acknowledge that a personal story can at times help to solidify the learning taking place, it's best to let your facilitators steer those conversations if they themselves choose to. We have some great resources we will share after the session where people of many different identities share their personal stories!

**Pre-learning resources:**

You may find it useful to have some familiarity with the topics we will be spending time with before the session.

We recommend the following videos as options for getting you started.

- 
- [More Than Four](#) video series. A series of 9 short videos presenting different rainbow identities and experiences in Aotearoa.
- [Te Ao Takatāpui](#) video series. A series of short videos showcasing intergenerational experiences of takatāpuitanga in Aotearoa, exploring the intersections of being both Māori and rainbow.

Nga mihi

Laurie Foon (she/her)

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# Additional Resources from InsideOUT Kōaro

## Rainbow Specific Research and Data

- **Supporting Aotearoa's Rainbow People, A Practical Guide for Mental Health Professionals:**

An informative resource with huge insight on how to best navigate the concepts and language that were covered in your training. This resource is based on findings from the Rainbow Mental Health Support Experiences Study and the Out Loud Aotearoa project.

Together, these projects involved interviews and surveys with, and submissions from rainbow people in Aotearoa. You can read this online here:

<https://insideout.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Rainbow-Mental-Health-Resource.pdf>

- **The Rainbow Mental Health Support Experiences Study:** This research summary brings an in-depth understanding of the experiences and needs of queer, trans, and intersex people who access mental health support in New Zealand. You can access the summary here: [The Rainbow Mental Health Support Experiences Study Summary](#)

- **Takatāpui: Part of the Whānau:** A beautiful resource created by Dr. Elizabeth Kerekere which uncovers the history of Takatāpui and how to best support those who identify as such in your services. You can read the resource here (you can order physical copies for your workplace too!): [Takatāpui: Part of the Whānau](#)

- **The Counting Ourselves report:** the first ever report tracing the experiences in Aotearoa of trans and non-binary people, created by trans and non-binary people. A crucial read if you're wanting to go deeper into these experiences. It is an accessible read with great illustrations and stories from participants too. You can read the report here:

<https://countingourselves.nz/2018-survey-report/>

- **Honour Project Aotearoa:** The 'Honour Project Aotearoa' investigated Kaupapa Māori strengths-based understandings of health and wellbeing in relation to takatāpui/Māori LGBTQIA+ communities. You can read the report here:

<https://tewhariki.org.nz/assets/Honour-Project-Aotearoa-Final-Report.pdf>

- **The Youth '19 Reports on Gender and Sexuality:**

[Same and Multiple Sex Attracted Students](#)

[Transgender and Gender Diverse Students](#)

- **Improving Aotearoa Through Inclusive Language :** an article and podcast episode about the power of inclusive language. Read/listen here: [How more inclusive language could improve Aotearoa for everyone](#)



## Videos

• **Te Ao Takatāpui:** This is a 4-part documentary series celebrating and sharing the stories of takatāpui community members that can be viewed on our YouTube channel here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwZ9fRUjeol&list=PL4lyxUW1\\_5XPUDoDD6HGWNZWYhe8O\\_FXA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwZ9fRUjeol&list=PL4lyxUW1_5XPUDoDD6HGWNZWYhe8O_FXA)

• **More than Four:** You may have watched a few of these during the workshop! This is a video series by InsideOUT that shares the stories and experiences of those beyond the most commonly recognised LGBT acronym. You can view the playlist of videos here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyGgDfwwdA&list=PL4lyxUW1\\_5XNS-3tgA3dw3LpYNUzxTmvk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyGgDfwwdA&list=PL4lyxUW1_5XNS-3tgA3dw3LpYNUzxTmvk)

• **Disclosure:** A groundbreaking Netflix documentary that explores trans representation in media, analysing the intersection of gender with race, as well as the roots of transmisogyny, exposing how media can indirectly 'train' people into becoming transphobic. Watch the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysbX6JUlaEc>

• **Intersex Awareness Panel:** a panel of intersex people speaking about their experiences being intersex, what this means for them and what they want to see in the space of advancing rights and protections for intersex people in Aotearoa. Watch here:

<https://www.facebook.com/YGAotearoa/videos/567110871258671/>

## Useful Websites + Organisations

• **InsideOUT Kōaro:** free resources, project info, schools support, volunteer opportunities, training and consultancy. Our website here: <https://insideout.org.nz/>

• **Information about InsideOUT's Respectful Relationships Programme (Aro ki te Hā):** <https://insideout.org.nz/respectful-relationships-programme/>

• **Posters:** Visibility of your competency towards rainbow and Takatāpui experiences within your spaces is a great way of communicating a service that is safe and inclusive. This is a link to a heap of rainbow posters from InsideOUT Kōaro and other rainbow organisations across Aotearoa that can be downloaded and printed for you to place wherever you see fit:

<https://insideout.org.nz/posters/>

• **0800 OUTLINE:** free counselling phone line where all counsellors are from the rainbow community. They also offer some face to face or zoom counselling. Their website:

<https://outline.org.nz/>

- **Gender Minorities Aotearoa:** resources for trans and gender diverse people, friends and whānau in Aotearoa. Their website: <https://genderminorities.com/>
- **Support Network for Parents/Guardians of Trans Children in NZ:** A group for people and organisations who support transgender and gender diverse children in New Zealand, their parents and caregivers. Follow the link here: <https://www.transgenderchildren.nz/>
- **Manalagi Repository:** an open-access archive that centres Pacific LGBTQIA+, MVPFAFF+ communities in Aotearoa and the Pacific diaspora. Follow this link!: <https://www.manalagi.org/manalagi-repository>
- **ITANZ:** resources on the intersex community, their experiences and the issues they face. Find their website here: <https://www.intersexaotearoa.org/>
- **Pronouns:** An article which contains info about pronouns and why they're important. Click here: <https://www.minus18.org.au/articles/what-are-pronouns-and-why-are-they-important>
- **Pink Shirt Day Resources:** resources for your workplace related to celebrating diversity. Follow the link here: <https://pinkshirtday.org.nz/engage/workplaces>

## Resources for Parents, Guardians and Whānau

- **Support Network for Parents/Guardians of Trans Children in NZ :**A group for people and organisations who support transgender and gender diverse children in New Zealand, their parents and caregivers. Follow the link here: <https://www.transgenderchildren.nz/>
- **Let's Talk:** a resource guide created by OutLine for parents. Find the guide here: <https://outline.org.nz/parents/>
- **Be-There:** a website for the campaign launched this year for whānau wanting to support rainbow rangatahi or other loved ones. You can find recorded webinars on this site of the workshops which took place! <https://be-there.nz/>
- **Is my child trans?:** a resource from Gender Minorities Aotearoa for parents, caregivers and other whānau. Find the resource here: <http://genderminorities.com/2017/04/01/help-is-my-child-transgender/>

**From:** [Councillor Ray Chung](#)  
**To:** [Councillor Iona Pannett](#); [DL: Councillors](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Update: Inflection Point NZ Unsilenced event  
**Date:** Sunday, 19 May 2024 9:48:11 pm

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Hi Iona

I've just replied to Laurie's email but she didn't answer nor address my question but you've attempted to answer this so thank you for this.

If this isn't the world that we live in, then shouldn't we be attempting to change whatever the factors are that stop us from making it a reality? I'm keen to see some empirical data to support your reply though otherwise it's supposition. For example, my church doesn't discriminate against anyone. Property developers don't care who buys their properties as long as they have money. Every company that I've worked for has employees of all ilk and I've never come across a HR manager who discriminates against suitable candidates.

I'm not saying there isn't discrimination, I'm saying that I've never experienced it but we should be eliminating any inequities and not to do this by having more inequities as we seem to be doing?

Cheers, Ray

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**From:** Councillor Iona Pannett <Iona.Pannett@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2024 7:17 AM  
**To:** DL: Councillors <councillors@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: Update: Inflection Point NZ Unsilenced event

Thanks Ray

In the world as it should be, everyone would be equal, no-one would be discriminated against and violence against minority groups would never happen. In such a world, there could be free speech.

But this is not the world we live in. Members of the Rainbow community continue to face violence, face higher rate of homelessness, suicide and unemployment than the majority. There will be some who are literally fighting for the right to live and/or to live in the way that they choose. Some parts of the Church along other institutions has a long and dishonourable history of discriminating against the Rainbow community for example denying leadership positions, practising conversion therapy and have excluded people from the church community. In this context, a conference about whether people should be able to live as their true selves is an unsafe and unequal environment.

I will be standing in solidarity with the trans community today. Wellington has a reputation of being one of the most Rainbow friendly cities in the world. Let's keep it that way!

Ngā mihi maioha

Iona Pannett (she/her)

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2024 8:50 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Update: Inflection Point NZ Unsilenced event

Hi s7(2)(f)(ii)

Many thanks for this and this might be a naïve question so please indulge me as I really don't know, how do the rights of trans people and rainbow communities differ from everyone else?

Cheers, Ray

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**From:** s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2024 3:54 PM

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**Subject:** Update: Inflection Point NZ Unsilenced event

Kia ora koutou,

Over the past few days Council staff have been supporting Te Papa (who operate Tākina on our behalf) to undertake risk and health and safety assessments around the [Inflection Point NZ “Unsilenced”](#) conference on at Tākina this Saturday, and planned protests in response.

Te Papa has assessed that at this point in time, the conference can be conducted safely and are proceeding on that basis. Te Papa and our team here at Council will continue to actively monitor the situation, and additional security measures will be in place.

To demonstrate the Council’s support of the rights of trans people and all members of our rainbow communities, the Michael Fowler Centre will be lit up in the colours of the trans flag on Saturday evening. Te Papa will be flying a rainbow flag on Friday and Saturday.

Any questions please let me know.

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**From:** [Info at WCC](#)  
**To:** [Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [#SR-952326] Transphobic event being held at city council venue  
**Date:** Monday, 20 May 2024 7:28:08 am

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Kia ora

Is this something that you can respond to?

Ngā mihi,

Customer Services, Wellington City Council

Absolutely Positively Wellington City Council Me Heke Ki Pāneke



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On Sun, 12 May 6:33 PM , <sup>s7(2)(a)</sup> <s7(2)(a)> wrote:  
Kia ora,

I'm horrified that a city council venue is being used for a transphobic event: <https://inflectionpoint.nz/>

Wellington Council should be committed to creating a safer space for our trans and takatāpui whānau.

Please urgently cancel this booking! I would appreciate a reply asap.

Ngā mihi,  
<sup>s7(2)(a)</sup>

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**From:** [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] Councillor Teri O'Neill  
**Subject:** RE: Tākina Host Policy  
**Date:** Monday, 20 May 2024 11:24:34 am  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

Kia ora Councillor,

It would be good to take you through the current process – as I believe this gives us good guidance to follow when taking and contracting events, including the ability to not take a booking on ethical or reputational grounds.

It's important we have a consistent approach across all our venues.

I'm arranging a meeting to talk living wage so we can talk through that then if that works for you?

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**From:** Councillor Nikau Wi Neera <Nikau.WiNeera@wcc.govt.nz>  
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**Cc:** [redacted] <[redacted]@wcc.govt.nz>; Councillor Teri O'Neill <Teri.O'Neill@wcc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Tākina Host Policy

Tēnā koutou,

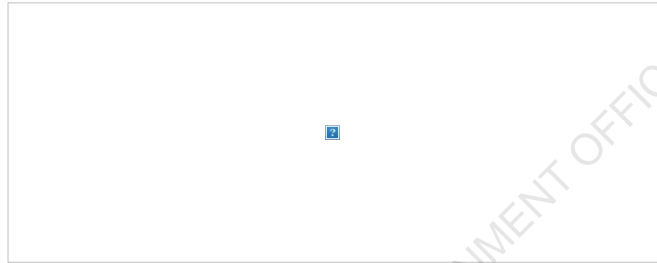
I would like to explore the creation of a usage policy for Tākina, in cooperation with Te Papa, which clearly sets out our expectations for groups using the space and the process to be gone through if groups are found to be in breach.

What would be the best way to move forward with this?

Cheers,  
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**Nikau Wi Neera**  
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