

## Russ Watts

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**From:** Julie Gardyne  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 April 2023 5:54 am  
**To:** Steve Giles  
**Subject:** FW: Stop Cogovernance cancellation

Hi Steve

Thanks for agreeing to come along for the discussion with Councillors this morning. I'm happy to lead the conversation, given the context below.

However I thought you should probably see some of the correspondence with council, prior to that meeting too

Cheers

Julie

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**From:** Councillor - Duncan Campbell <[councillorcampbell@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:councillorcampbell@taupo.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 23 April 2023 6:17 pm  
**To:** Julie Gardyne <[jgardyne@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:jgardyne@taupo.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Duncan Campbell <[duncan@traffessionals.com](mailto:duncan@traffessionals.com)>; Danny Loughlin <[Danny@tuwharetoa.co.nz](mailto:Danny@tuwharetoa.co.nz)>; Councillors Shared Mailbox - as advertised to the Public <[councillors@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:councillors@taupo.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Re: Stop Cogovernance cancellation

Julie,

Honestly I do think this come across as BS. I requested for us councillors to receive at least several days advance notice if any decision to refuse the meeting was going to be made, along with the reasoning. We have received nothing of the sort that I can tell. Before tomorrows zoom update meeting can we please receive a pointed summary of why the meeting was refused and why you think the applicants feel that they were not kept properly informed during the process.

The trust model often espoused as a way for us to work together is feeling very strained to me.

Thanks Duncan

Sent from my iPad

On 22/04/2023, at 10:30 AM, Julie Gardyne <[jgardyne@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:jgardyne@taupo.govt.nz)> wrote:

Kia ora anō Duncan

My email below reminded you that the briefing or information that I would provide would be based on your role as elected members, not to provide to the organisers or public.

I also stated below that this decision was based on a robust assessment of H&S to the venue and staff, which includes a range of factors (as we demonstrated to you at the briefing where we talked through our generic venues booking risk framework), an independently assessed security plan, rather than being blamed on simply not having security or on the Police. It not a case of simply finding another security firm, particularly in the two working days prior to the event.

Please let the event organisers do what they need to do in order to follow Council processes. We are treating this event on the same impartial basis as any other, including the waiata group, just like the many other events that we hold in Taupo.

Ngā mihi

Julie

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**From:** Duncan Campbell <[duncan@traffessionals.com](mailto:duncan@traffessionals.com)>

**Sent:** Saturday, 22 April 2023 8:52 am

**To:** Julie Gardyne <[jgardyne@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:jgardyne@taupo.govt.nz)>

**Cc:** Danny Loughlin <[Danny@tuwharetoa.co.nz](mailto:Danny@tuwharetoa.co.nz)>; Councillors Shared Mailbox - as advertised to the Public <[councillors@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:councillors@taupo.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Re: Stop Cogovernance cancellation

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Hi Julie I just talked to one of the people helping to organise this event and he is very unhappy. They do in fact have a backup security firm in the wings but say there was never any communications prior to the cancellation notice yesterday giving them the heads up that there was any problem.

The fact that tdc let a waita group booking in at the same time is a different question altogether and would appear to breach any semblance of common sense also, because the risk factor must have increased for all parties and tdc staff must have been aware of this.

I am requesting that you please get hold of the event applicants because there still appears to be time to get things sorted.

Duncan.

On Sat, 22 Apr 2023, 8:11 am Julie Gardyne, <[jgardyne@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:jgardyne@taupo.govt.nz)> wrote:

Thanks Duncan

I am happy to arrange a briefing for elected members to assure yourself of the robustness of our processes around event H&S – that we have balanced the right to free speech against the risk of harm to the public, our staff and our venue. Given the public interest in this decision, a reminder that this information would be provided to you in your role as elected members, as we have a public statement on our position and have provided information to the organisers.

As I said in my first email, a thorough assessment of the risks of the event both to venue and staff has concluded that it was too high to allow the event to proceed. I would be disappointed if it was interpreted this decision was to be blamed on any particular company, or organisation such as the Police.

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**From:** Duncan Campbell <[duncan@traffessionals.com](mailto:duncan@traffessionals.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, 21 April 2023 11:07 pm

**To:** Julie Gardyne <[jgardyne@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:jgardyne@taupo.govt.nz)>

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Hi Julie appreciate the attempted phone call earlier and talk we had this evening. It is seeming to me that the security firm Senjo declining to participate is a significant part of the issue. Can we please get a briefing on why this was so, and why alternative security arrangements were not deemed feasible?

Thanks Duncan

On Fri, 21 Apr 2023, 10:24 pm Julie Gardyne, <[jgardyne@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:jgardyne@taupo.govt.nz)> wrote:

Thanks for the phone call following your email to discuss further, and there is a missed call on your phone from me Duncan, but I note the number you would prefer to be contacted on too. My view was that it was important to advise the organisers today, particularly given there is two working days until the event, and information around security for the event was only received earlier today too.

For clarity, we have had media queries, which we have responded to. At this stage we do not anticipate the need to issue a media release, but respond using a statement if requested to

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**From:** Danny Loughlin <[Danny@tuwharetoa.co.nz](mailto:Danny@tuwharetoa.co.nz)>

**Sent:** Friday, 21 April 2023 9:24 pm

**To:** Duncan Campbell <[duncan@traffessionals.com](mailto:duncan@traffessionals.com)>

**Cc:** Julie Gardyne <[jgardyne@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:jgardyne@taupo.govt.nz)>; Councillors Shared Mailbox - as advertised to the Public <[councillors@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:councillors@taupo.govt.nz)>

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I was contacted and Julie was attempting to contact all councillors from what I could see.

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On 21/04/2023, at 9:04 PM, Duncan Campbell <[duncan@traffessionals.com](mailto:duncan@traffessionals.com)> wrote:

Hi Julie,

I was just sent a copy of the cancellation notice sent to the local organiser by a TDC staff member including a notice to the effect that media would be informed very soon. I clearly requested for councillors to be informed before any such notice were sent out, and this has been ignored. I am now asking that any media release be held up until the way this decision has come about is fully explained to us. Apparently Taupo Police had something to do with it as well as availability of security guards, but it is hard to see how this could have been irreconcilable.

Thankyou

Duncan



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