

From: Stefan Pollard <stefan@gavins.co.nz>
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 2:48 PM
To:
Subject: HD hall committee response to recently received complaints

Hi David

As you know the booking for your follow-up event this Sunday had been taken off the hall committee's hands and the decision to proceed or cancel has been determined by the Waikato district council.

Please see the following email from the council with their requirements and rationale behind their decisions.

Samantha Baker (WDC halls team leader) is who we have been dealing with in this matter so I assume you could contact her in the first instance (her details are below).

Regards
Stefan Pollard
(Horsham Downs hall committee secretary)

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From: Samantha Baker <Samantha.Baker@waidc.govt.nz>
Date: Fri, 12 May 2023 at 12:01
Subject: RE: HD hall committee response to recently received complaints
To: stefan@gavins.co.nz <stefan@gavins.co.nz>
Cc: Emah Lane <Emah.Lane@waidc.govt.nz>

Kia Ora Stefan,

Thank you for your call just now.

As discussed, we (council) have conducted a risk assessment for this event and spoken with the Police about their intended attendance for this coming Sunday.

As it stands, the police are unable to confirm their attendance as it will depend on resources on the day.

From our risk assessment we have identified the potential for the following risks as a result of this event:

Use of weapons e.g., guns, knives or any suitable available materials
Objects being thrown
Violence
Threatening or abusive language
A pedestrian being hit by a motor vehicle
Crushing in the crowd

We understand that there will be security present for the meeting – however, we believe that without an approved Traffic Management plan or police present, that there is significant risk to both attendees and protestors and from our perspective – we cannot approve an event without controls in place to mitigate the risks identified.

As discussed on the phone, please let me know how you would like to proceed with communicating this with the committee.

As Council has made this decision – I am happy to communicate this to the group.

Thank you for the time spent on this so far,
Talk soon,
Samantha

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