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Kia ora Tony,

**Your request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – (case number CAS-705005-H3X0Z8)**

I refer to your official information request dated 22 March 2023 regarding bus services travelling on the Auckland Harbour Bridge.

**1. What assessment of the risk that a bus (specifically, a double decker bus) could fall into Auckland harbour after falling off Auckland Harbour bridge (for example, after a strong gust of wind)?**

All our double decker buses are required to be tested for static tilt stability before being permitted to operate, as required for all heavy vehicles on New Zealand roads.

No risk assessments have been completed regarding double decker buses falling off the Auckland harbour bridge, therefore, your request is declined under s(17)(e) of the [LGOIMA](#) as the information does not exist.

**2. What mitigation is in place to manage the risk that a bus could fall into Auckland harbour from Auckland Harbour bridge?**

Auckland harbour bridge is a Waka Kotahi asset, as such, AT complies with any restrictions that Waka Kotahi may implement such as temporary reductions to speed limits to mitigate risks when identified. AT does not have additional mitigations in place to reduce the risk of a bus falling into the Auckland harbour. Therefore, your request is declined under s(17)(e) of the [LGOIMA](#) as the information does not exist.

**3. What consideration has been given to preventing double decker busses from driving on the outside lane of the Auckland Harbour bridge, to reduce the possibility of them falling into the harbour below?**

AT has reviewed studies completed which are comparable to wind conditions that Auckland harbour bridge receive. I have attached a document which contains links to these case studies. No risk assessments have been completed regarding double decker buses driving on inside lanes of the Auckland harbour bridge, therefore, your request is declined under s(17)(e) of the [LGOIMA](#) as the information does not exist.

We trust this clarifies your request, but should you believe that we have not dealt with your request appropriately, you are able to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA and seek an investigation and review in regard to this matter.

Ngā mihi,



Darek Koper  
Group Manager of Metro Services.