

25 January 2012

Dear Occupy Wellington Campers

This letter is to follow up your correspondence dated 4 January 2012 where you state your position in relation to your occupation of the land on the City to Sea Bridge.

Your position as stated in your letter is that you believe:

- you are within your rights to remain occupying the land on the City to Sea Bridge because you believe all Council's by laws are invalid
- the notice given to you on the 22 December 2011 was unfair because the following period was a vacation
- the Council has not attempted to seek an alternative remedy
- the issues you have raised have not been addressed
- you represent the 99% including the "homeless, mentally ill, criminal, unemployed, sickness and invalid beneficiaries, students, war veterans, battered wives and children and small businesses which are struggling"

Further, you state that you will not be leaving the site and seek Council's permission to remain until the 4th July 2012 as you look for a building in the central city. Since the 4th January, you have separately stated two specific demands of the Council. These are:

1. that the Council should supply you with a building in the central city for the current group of occupiers
2. that the Council should reduce City Housing rents so that they are the same as the Government i.e. 25% of income.

Your response is unacceptable. Your occupation is illegal. It clearly contravenes our bylaw (Consolidated Bylaw Part 5 Clause 12). We have stated previously that any issues you wish to raise that are within Council's business operations can be raised with staff liaising with you and they can be dealt with through our policy processes.

Your specific demands are rejected:

- There is no vacant Council building in the CBD. Any request for investment needs to be channelled through our normal budget processes. Officers are happy to assist you with a submission to the Long Term Plan on this.