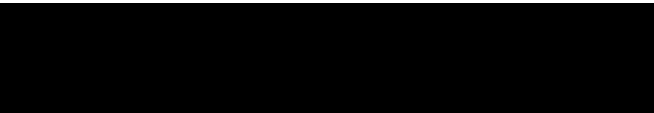


30 July 2019



Dear 

Official Information Act #19.008 - Wilson Parking

1. We refer to your request received 8 July 2019 where you asked whether the Commerce Commission (the Commission) is concerned about Wilson Parking almost fully controlling monthly parking options across Wellington.
2. We have treated this as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Our response

3. We have decided to decline your request because you have asked for our opinion rather than for information we hold. The Commission is not required to form an opinion in order to answer a request.¹
4. However, in July 2018 the Commission filed proceedings against Wilson Parking NZ Limited. The Commission alleges that when Wilson Parking acquired the lease to operate the Capital Car Park in Boulcott Street, Wellington, it breached section 47 of the Commerce Act 1986 because the acquisition resulted in a substantial lessening of competition. The case is to be heard in the Wellington High Court in December 2019.
5. You can find more information about the Commission's proceedings against Wilson Parking on our website: <https://comcom.govt.nz/news-and-media/media-releases/2018/proceedings-filed-against-wilson-parking-over-acquisition-of-wellington-car-park>
6. If you are not satisfied with the Commission's response to your OIA request, section 28(3) of the OIA provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

¹ The OIA for Ministers and agencies: <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/resources-and-publications/guides/official-information-legislation-guides>, page 6.

7. The Commission will be publishing this response to your request on its website. Your personal details will be redacted from the published response.
8. Please do not hesitate to contact us at uia@comcom.govt.nz if you have any questions in regards to this request.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Sheppard
OIA Coordinator