

Event	references
1957-1961 Wells works for the Public Service: Inland Revenue Department, Electricity Department, Department of External Affairs (seconded to Secretariat of South East Asia Treaty Organisation 1959).	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>
1962 to 1992 <b>Harvey MacHarman Ayer</b>	<a href="#">Harvey CV</a>
1961-1966: NZ Police	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>
1966-1967 Wells G Baker Real Estate: Administration Manager.	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>
1967-1970: Wells employed New Zealand Newspapers Ltd: National Sales Executive, New Zealand Home Journal.	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>
1970-1971: Wells employed J Inglis Wright Ltd, accredited advertising agency: Assistant Media Manager.	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>
1971-1974 <b>Wells employed at MacHarman Associates Ltd, accredited advertising agency: Media Manager 1971, General Manager 1972. With Bob Harvey</b>	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>
1971-1973 Wells VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY WORK.Councillor, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals, Auckland.	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>
1973-1978: Wells VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY WORK President, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals, Auckland.	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>
16/12/1973 Sunday news item	<a href="#">news 16 dec 73</a>
1974 Wells Barron Craig Associates Ltd, accredited advertising agency: Auckland Manager.	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>
1974-1978 Wells Vision Advertising (NZ) Ltd, accredited advertising agency: Managing Director and principal shareholder.	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>
5/09/1975 Neil Wells as chairman of the SPCA Auckland signs the constitution of the Royal federation of New Zealand societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals 218546 - THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS INCORPORATED	<a href="http://www.societies.govt.nz">http://www.societies.govt.nz</a>
1974-1993 Wells VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY WORK Councillor, Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>
1974- 1984: Wells VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY WORK Vice President and President, Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>
1976-1986: Wells VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY WORK Advisory Director, International Society for the Protection of Animals, London. (became World Society for the Protection of Animals in 1980).	<a href="#">15 3 79 rift within the RNZSPCA</a>
7/07/1978 spca village	<a href="#">spca village</a>
2/12/1978 Wells leaves SPCA	<a href="#">news item Wells leaves SPCA</a>
20/05/1979 Wells is re elected to the rnzspca	<a href="#">Wells re elected</a>
11/09/1979 Wells signs along side a remit on the constitution of the Royal federation of New Zealand societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals see 218546 - THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS INCORPORATED	<a href="http://www.societies.govt.nz">http://www.societies.govt.nz</a>
15/06/1981 the constitution is now for the 218546 - THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS INCORPORATED Wells is a signatory	<a href="http://www.societies.govt.nz">http://www.societies.govt.nz</a>
1978-1983 Wells University of Auckland : Graduated Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws with Honours.	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>
1982-1983 Wells VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY WORK Vice President, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals, Auckland	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>
1983 Wells Auckland University Law School: Tutor in Criminal Law and International Law.	<a href="#">Neil Wells C.V.</a>

- 22/07/1983 Wells signs as president to ammend the constitution of the RNZSPCA <http://www.societies.govt.nz>
- 1983-1984: Wells Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Auckland, Inc.: Executive Director. [Neil Wells C.V.](#)
- 1984– 1995 Member, National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee. Wells admittd to the bar [Neil Wells C.V.](#)  
<http://nzls.org.nz/RegistrationDB/faces/presentation/general/PublicRegisterSearch.jsp>
- 9/03/1984
- 1984-1989: Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: National Director. [Neil Wells C.V.](#)
- 1986 – 1992 Harvey New Zealand Film Commission deputy chairman
- 1987-1991 Wells Member, University of Auckland Animal Ethics Committee [Neil Wells C.V.](#)
- 1989 to 2005, Bayvel represented the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) on the New Zealand National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee (NAEAC) and the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC). [http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/welfare/seminars/docs/2021012009\\_conf\\_global\\_trade\\_farm\\_animal\\_wel\\_speaker\\_profile\\_david\\_bayvel.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/welfare/seminars/docs/2021012009_conf_global_trade_farm_animal_wel_speaker_profile_david_bayvel.pdf)
- 1989-1993: Wells Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: Advisory Director [Neil Wells C.V.](#)
- 1989– 1998 Wells Member, Animal Welfare Advisory Committee with Bayvel [Neil Wells C.V.](#)
- 1989-1993: Wells World Society for the Protection of Animals: Regional Director (South Pacific). [9 apr 89 Wells moves on from SPCA](#)
- 9-Feb-90 [Jim Sutton minister of agriculture](#) [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minister\\_of\\_Agriculture\\_%28New\\_Zealand%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minister_of_Agriculture_%28New_Zealand%29)
- 28/06/1990 ANIMALS AMENDMENT BILL <http://www.vdig.net/hansard/archive.jsp?y=1990&m=06&d=28&o=155&p=156>
- 28/06/1990 ANIMALS AMENDMENT BILL 3rd reading <http://www.vdig.net/hansard/archive.jsp?y=1990&m=06&d=28&o=157&p=163>
- 2/11/1990 [John Falloon minister for agriculture](#) [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minister\\_of\\_Agriculture\\_%28New\\_Zealand%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minister_of_Agriculture_%28New_Zealand%29)
- 1990- 1993: Wells Chairman, Department of Conservation Animal Ethics Committee. [10 6 93 P201 resigns as head of ethics](#)
- 1990 Right through the mid-1990s that occurred, and in 1997 I had had enough. I was approached by Dr Catherine Smith, who headed the Animal Behaviour and Welfare Consultative Group, a mixture of veterinarians, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Kennel Club people, and also primary production industries---the dairy industry, the pig industry, and so on. It was an amazing consultative group. They had also had enough. That group said: ``You've got to get this legislation in." I wrote back to Dr Catherine Smith and said: ``You find someone who can write it for me.", and later that day she did. That person's name is Neil Wells, and he and I worked on the draft of what turned out to be a member's Bill in my name. It went into the ballot one afternoon, came out that same day, and went into the House. <http://www.vdig.net/hansard/archive.jsp?y=1999&m=10&d=05&o=258&p=259>
- 1991 **Wells Member, Consultative Committee, Animal Behaviour and Welfare Research Centre, Ruakura.**
- 1992-2010 **Harvey Mayor Waitakere**
- 1992 – 2006 **Harvey on Local Government New Zealand**
- 1992 National govt consults on animal wfare legislation [New Zealand Hansard Wednesday, June 16, 1999 hodgson](#)

- 1992 Lottery Grants Board made a grant of \$100,000 to the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. That grant was for a national educational campaign on animal welfare.
- 6/08/1992 GOVT states we will address these issues in new legislation. <http://www.vdig.net/hansard/archive.jsp?y=1992&m=08&d=06&o=27&p=27>
- 1993- Wells Chairman, Auckland Zoo Animal Ethics Committee.: [Neil Wells C.V.](#)
- 31-May-93 court decision [INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR THE PROTECTION OF HORSES \(NEW ZEALAND\) INC v ATTORNEY-GENERAL](#)
- 10/06/1993 Wells resigns as head of ethics [10 6 93 P201 resigns as head of ethics](#)
- 1993 Wells Principal, N. E. Wells & Associates, Quality Systems and Animal Welfare Consultants [Neil Wells C.V.](#)
- 1993 Wells In practice as Barrister Sole. [Neil Wells C.V.](#)
- 1994–1999 O'Neil Chief Veterinary Officer <http://biosecuritynz.co.nz/>
- 1994–1999 O'Neil New Zealand member of Animal Health Committee [Neil Wells C.V.](#)
- 27/07/1994 **Wells formally approaches Waitakere city** [ne Wells 27 july 1994.pdf](#)
- 26/08/1994 sets out original proposition for Exploring the feasibility of an SPCA type operation being an adjunct of Waitakere City [ne Wells 26 august 1994.pdf](#)
- 1/09/1994 **Active lobbying through the Mayor of all Local Authorities in the country, the LGA, Department of Internal Affairs etc, to encourage the Minister to establish amendments to existing dog legislation to provide for improved control, and finally the establishment of the Animal Welfare Centre as a business unit in City Enterprises.** [ANIMAL CONTROL AND ANIMAL WELFARE](#)
- 21/09/1994 Wells lobbies for AW act through council & local govt NZ council moves . That Waitakere City requests the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, that the powers currently applied to the Dog Control and Hydatids Act 1984 through section. 8A of the Animals Protection Act 1960 be continued when the Animal Welfare Act is being drafted, and that the Local Government Association be requested to make similar representations on this issue. [21 9 1994 wcc](#)
- 12/12/1994 **draft enhancing Waitakere animal welfare** [12/12/1994 pdf](#)
- 12/12/1994 final enhancing animal welfare services and shows how it will provide income for Wells. [enhancing animal welfare](#)
- 1995–1998 **Deputy Chairman, Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.** [Neil Wells C.V.](#)
- 1995– **or possibly earlier -wrote the no1 bill for the animal welfare act.**
- 1995– In 1995 I was Manager of Animal Welfare Services, Waitakere City, and in that year the City Council asked me to investigate the possibility of the City's dog control officers becoming Animal Welfare Inspectors - The pilot programme was set up for 6 months in the expectation that an Animal Welfare Bill would be introduced in 1995. [affidavits supplied may 2007 didovich.pdf](#)
- 21/04/1995 payment Didovich to Wells \$7,500 [21 april 1995](#)
- 23/04/1995 wells sends performance standards to Bayvel **not copied**
- 26/04/1995 Didovich pays Wells \$5,500 set up animal welfare courses [26-Apr-95](#)
- 2/05/1995 Wells sends a copy of the MAF proposal to **Didovich** [2-May-95](#)
- 3/05/1995 Wells writes to **Barry O'Neil** MAF as consultant for Waitakere he already has all systems in place the proposal had already been discussed with David Bayvel [consultant for Waitakere city.pdf](#)
- 4/05/1995 **NE Wells accreditation body shows the earliest concept of what AWINZ was to become proving that AWINZ the approved organisation at all times is Neil Wells. .** [accreditation body.pdf](#)

- 10/05/1995 constitution of the RNZSPCA amended to set up member societies and branches. There have not been any amendments to the constitution since then <http://www.societies.govt.nz>
- 18/05/1995 Wells to Bayvel re training of waitakere staff scheduled for 19 june and 10 July 1995 not copied
- 9/06/1995 bob keridge objects to the issuing of warrants and question the **perceived personal financial rewards for Wells and lack of consultaton .. This alos contains a legal opinion.** [spca 95](#)
- 14-Jun-95 Wells gets a very quick affirmative from MAF reviewed by O'Neil and Bayvel [14 june 1995.pdf](#)
- 27-Jul-95 costs for training sent on to **Didovich** by Chris Pidgeon who temporarily worked for Wells [27-Jul-95](#)
- 16-Aug-95 Barry O'Neil re appointment of inspectors [appointment of inspectors](#)
- 19/10/1995 the animal division of council becomes animal welfare services [name change.pdf](#)
- 14/11/1995 The initial draft contract ne Wells is shown as the accrediting body, this is in the same format which AWINZ was to follow. [pilot contract.pdf](#)
- 29/11/1995 Invoices paid to Neil Wells \$26062.06 via **Didovich** [invoices for training](#)
- 13/12/1995 **O'Neil and Bayvel** agree on the quality system prepared by Wells ( note Wells use of trading name ) [animal welfare enforcement](#)
- 27/12/1995 Wells extends his plan to other councils "NE Wells has been accredited by the chief veterinary officer as the training and accrediting body " [Wells solicits councils](#)
- 1996–2007 O'Neil MAF member on Animal Health Board
- 12/01/1996 Wells writes to **Bayvel** and alleges that he has been commissioned by Waitakere city to expand the system. He had written to 74 territorial authorities [expanding the Waitakere pilot](#)
- 12/01/1996 Wells sets out the criteria for territorial animal welfare services to MAF including the recommendation that the applicant must provide evidence of having completed an approved course of training, this training was to be provided by him. [teritorial animal welfare..MAF version](#)
- 15/01/1996 Wells puts his proposal to his associate in Waitakere **Tom Didovich**. [Territorial authority Animal welfare services.pdf](#)
- 31/01/1996 **Didovich** pays \$1473 .75 and approval for another \$4000 [1996 invoices](#)
- 14/02/1996 Bayvel writes to RNZSPCA with regards to Wells contact to councils [MAF response to SPCA](#)
- 23/02/1996 Wells to **Bayvel** again alleging that Waitakere city has an interest in the holistic approach [overview from Wells](#)
- 23/02/1996 Wells provides **Didovich** with the contract [contract of appointment](#)
- 28/02/1996 **Didovich** faxes blurb sheet to Wells re AWS [28-Feb-96](#)
- 29/02/1996 [Lockwood Smith becomes minister for agriculture](#)
- 29/02/1996 **Didovich** pays Wells a further \$1406 [invoice 29 feb1996](#)
- Apr-96 Miss information such as the Qualification framework being set up BY chief veterinary officer . And the costs being minimal . Being sent out to WCC officials [fax to clive](#)
- 30/04/1996 further invoice \$450 approved **Didovich** [april 96 invoice](#)
- 10/05/1996 Wells audits the process and shows illegal seizure of dogs internal reports Wells **Didovich** [Wells audits AWS](#)

31/05/1996		<a href="#">1996 audit</a>
	The proposal was also judged to be in keeping with the philosophy contained in the forthcoming Animal Welfare Bill- which was written by Wells !	
4/06/1996	<b>David Bayvel</b> approves extension of warrants	<a href="#">bayvel extends warrants</a>
4/06/1996	odd that <b>Bayvel</b> had approved extension of warrants even before the audit was beyond a draft.	<a href="#">didovich forwards audit to Wells</a>
7/06/1996	Wells prepared documents application for issue of warrants. Does this mean that the AWS inspectors were unwarranted until this time?	<a href="#">application for warrants</a>
10/06/1996	Didovich to Laura parrot 27 animals uplifted - there are reports that Parrott was to have left her property to AWINZ	<a href="#">laura parrott</a>
13/06/1996	<b>expected date of termination of pilot program</b>	
30/06/1996	<b>Didovich</b> pays Wells \$422	<a href="#">30 june 1996 invoice</a>
16/08/2006	<b>The 1991/92 public discussion papers of the animal welfare bill proposed a new approach to appointment of animal welfare inspectors</b> it was proposed that national organisations in addition to MAF and the RNZSPCA would be able to set up national training programmes approved by the CVO	<a href="#">BRIEFING ON THE ISSUING OF WARRANTS</a>
19/08/1996	O'Neil writes to minister to seek approval of warrants for AWS	<a href="#">briefing to minister</a>
26/08/1996	Barry O'Neil sends audit report to WCC -There was no formalised agreement with the regulatory arm of the council for animal welfare complaint investigation services.	<a href="#">AUDIT OF ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICES</a>
3-Sep-96	Wells and <b>Bayvel</b> meeting with minister to brief on involvement of NE Wells and associates in council pilot	<a href="#">Wells visits minister</a>
25-Sep-96	audit of animal welfare services 2 pages only	<a href="#">audit 96</a>
1/10/1996	Didovich pay Wells \$549.11 staff training to pass audit.	<a href="#">audit costs.pdf</a>
18/10/1996	Wells audits AWS	
1/11/1996	full MAFaudit	<a href="#">MAF report on aws</a>
18/11/1996	MAFaudit shows how Wells is involved in many levels.	<a href="#">Special (Animal Health &amp; Welfare) Review</a>
31/12/1996	<b>Didovich</b> pays Wells \$ 735	
12/01/1997	audit report	
12/02/1997	Wells forward news itm in which the Waitakere concept has been promoted to singapore	<a href="#">singapore news item</a>
1/04/1997	local Govt NZ object to territorial involvement	<a href="#">local Government.pdf</a>
3/04/1997	Wells brief Didovich about NE Wells taking the concept into the second phase.	<a href="#">Wells april 97.pdf</a>
14/04/1997	Wells writes to Bayvel with regards to a number of matters including the positive responses he had for the promotion of the Waitakere concept to	<a href="#">wells to bayvel</a>
17/04/1997	wells to Bayvel supplying provisions relating to the council	<a href="#">17 april 1997 pdf</a>
21/04/1997	Higgins questions <b>Bayvel</b> if council has a mandate	<a href="#">higgins.pdf</a>
21/04/1997	animal welfare trust discussion paper	<a href="#">higgins notes.pdf</a>
22/04/1997	discussion on dog control animal welfare by internal affairs its Territorial authorities not local bodies which are empowered	<a href="#">internal affairs</a>

- 9/05/1997 Wells to O'Neil and Bayvel pushes for training Unitec and applies territorial and animal welfare urgency to the matter.. He does at least declare his vested interest in the programme and states that Unitec has offered him a part time position to set the programme up In essence Wells is pushing for a decision which will give him financial benefit.
- 27/05/1997 with held document Animal welfare Service Delivery by Territorial Authorities Enforcement of Animal Welfare Legislation by Territorial Authorities documents withheld
- 3/06/1997 Wells to Bayvel expressing concerns with regards to the SPCA's low level of training " my skills are in training and setting up systems" I took the idea to United ...He continues to push for animal welfare training to go to Unitec a course he ultimately will be teaching and being paid for. [inspector training](#)
- 12/06/1997 wells to Bayvel telling him that Unitec will wait so that there is time to get the RNZSPCA on board [get SPCA on board for unitec](#)
- 28/07/1997 Wells to **O'Neil and Bayvel** makes reference to MAF legal and the issue of this being ultra Vires. He also covers off Unitec, where he is now employed and setting up the courses to deliver the training for inspectors under the new act [Wells thanks O'Neil and Bayvel](#)
- 4/08/1997 wells puts his opinion with regards to the use of rates to Bayvel
- 4/08/1997 wells attempts to influence Bayvel with his own legal opinion with regards to the ability to rate for animal welfare [rating powers](#)
- 10/09/1997 Hodgson bill was referred to select committee "We also employed Neil Wells as an independent specialist adviser who assisted our consideration. Neil Wells, a barrister who specialises in animal welfare legislation, had earlier been involved in drafting the Hodgson bill. [no1 bill](#)
- 9-Sep-97 attorney general's report on NO1 bill [animal welfare bill](#)
- 30/10/1997 submissions closed [no1 bill](#)
- 19/11/1997 following he ministers approval for the interim programme I am submitting the attached proposl .. To go to 20 tA's [TA's and AW](#)
- 20/11/1997 O'Neil responds to this request and advises tht hopefully a response in 8 days. [Oneil response](#)
- 9/12/1997 Wells claims to have discussed length of warrants to be 12 months with **Bayvel** [9 dec1997 warrants](#)
- 19/12/1997 the Hodgson Bill would require substantial redrafting....This paper proposes that new animal welfare legislation provide for territorial authorities to be approved as animal welfare agencies [councils advised of drafting of No 2 bill](#)
- 31/12/1997 Wells moves to set up a trust to circumvent the intention of the legislation [invoice trust 97.pdf](#)
- 1/01/1998 strategic options Wells puts forward the concepts of a trust and discusses trust structures [strategic options.pdf](#)
- 1/01/1998 Flow of funds diagram national animal welfare trust [flow of funds.pdf](#)
- 1998- Proposal to Establish an Animal Welfare Trust in Waitakere City includes the invoice of \$4303 approved by Didovich to set up the trust and recruit trustees [trust proposal 98.pdf](#)
- 3/03/1998 Wells discusses the options of trusts etc. with **Didovich** prior to an Advisory Board meeting [3 march 1998.pdf](#)
- 1/04/1998 animal welfare charitable trust a business unit of city enterprises includes p5-6 CLARIFICATION OF TRUST VERSUS CHARITABLE TRUST [trust discussion paper](#)
- 14/04/1998 " I do completely understand the processes and the position you(**Bayvel** ) and Barry( **O'Neil** ) have been put in "... What if the new national charitable trust were to do the same and tender for a territorial authority animal control contract. " [Wells email apr 98.pdf](#)
- 13/05/1998 **Didovich** comments on the reasons to establish a trust [13 may 1998.pdf](#)
- 2/06/1998 the Minister agreed to a MAFproposal that the Bill not provide for involvement of TAs [request legal opinion para 9](#)

- 10/07/1998 Wells is vice president of Animal Welfare Advisory Committee [Animal Welfare Advisory Committee](#)
- 29/07/1998 Maf to minister re role of TA's recommending that TA's do NOT have an animal welfare service delivery role [AWS role of TA's](#)
- 8/08/1997 Anthony Higgins for Waitakere - Council considers that having its officeres waranted under the animal protection act is desirable to promote the welfare of dogs [higgins opinion](#)
- 8/08/1997 Wells to Bayvel shows that he is aware that TA'a will not be recognised and discusses the terms of the " bill" showing that he is planning using information he has with regards to the bill he is advising on . Unitec has confirmed that he can be the course co coordinator .. I will send separate email re AWINZ in terms of the bill [wells to Bayvel re AWINZ](#)
- 10/08/1998 minister wonders if it should go to cabinet [10/08/1998 pdf](#)
- 11/08/1998 would have assumed it needed to go to Cabinet .. Earlier this year the committee had serious reservation with reh proposal Maf no longer supports the involment of TA [11 August 1998 pdf](#)
- 18/08/1998 **Didovich** recommends likely trustees [trust proposal 98.pdf](#)
- 1/09/1997 proposal to extend current pilot discusion papre for Ministers approval raises issues of crown liability for prosecutions [extention of pilot](#)
- 24/08/1998 adds more info for the trust concept [24 aug 1998.pdf](#)
- 26/08/1998 [John Luxton becomes minister for biosecurity](#) [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minister\\_of\\_Agriculture\\_%28New\\_Zealand%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minister_of_Agriculture_%28New_Zealand%29)
- 31/08/1998 Wells to Bayvel unofficial outline and draft and re Unitec tender also "*For this exercise let's assume that there will be a new charitable trust formed, independent of Waitakere City, to be known as the Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand (AWINZ)*" Wells offers to discuss the concept with O'Neil and Bayvel [31 aug 1998.pdf](#)
- 2/09/1998 **Didovich** advises of contract for North Shore and expansion of animal welfare into NSC [2 sept 1998 didovich.pdf](#)
- 2/09/1998 Wells audit of AWS [2 sept 1998.pdf](#)
- 1998- Didovich document setting out the proposal of a trust [didovich trust proposal](#)
- 17/09/1998 "attached is confidential information from Neil Wells "-(who has had discussions with Chief Vet Officer MAF) which in effect reflects the situation that when new animal welfare legislation is introduced in 1999 there will be a strong probability that TAs will not be able to carry out animal protection work Correspondence between Wells and O'Neil - Yes you have captured most of the issues discussed - if the bill precludes WCC or AWINZ involvement then we will have no option but to discontinue the programme - [didovich email sept 98.pdf](#)
- 29/09/1998 AWA no 2 bill to select committee [no1 bill](#)
- 7/10/1998 the council Lawyer John Rofe seeks full disclosure of the intent of trust and states that it may have to go before council . [John Rofe.pdf](#)
- 16/10/1998 council solicitor sets guideines for trust proposal [council direction re trust.pdf](#)
- 1998- early AWINZ brochure [AWINZ brochure](#)
- 21/10/1998 I had a meeting with Barry O'Neil some weeks ago to discuss how the Waitakere City Council programme can go through a transitional stage now that territorial authorities are not be "approved organisations". Waitakere are currently training some further officers who will operate under the approved programme which of course will not fit the concept of "approved organisation" as proposed in the Bill. **The founding trustees will be appointed by the Waitakere city council** [Wells to Neeson off the record](#)
- 22/10/1998 **Wells forwards a further off the record email between wells and Neeson to Didovich - MAFactively assisting and advising on how AWINZ should be set up** [MAF off the record](#)

- 27/10/1998 student notes refer to the bill which is still before select committee [student notes.pdf](#)
- 27/10/1998 submissions closed [no1 bill](#)
- 1/11/1998 As per the Bill an "approved organisation" must be a national organisation and have animal welfare as a principle purpose. Territorial Authorities will not meet the criteria ... plus a draft of trust deed [advisory board paper November 98](#)
- 30/11/1998 Wells invoice for recruitment of trustees [trust proposal 98.pdf](#)
- 1/12/1998 wells completed draft re AWINZ [wells awinz proposal](#)
- 15/12/1998 Wells to **O'Neil** formal proposal for AWINZ asking for a decision by 22 december [Wells writes re AWINZ plus deed](#)
- 17/12/1998 O'Neil to wells re time tabling for proposal [Oneil to wells re proposal](#)
- 21/12/1998 **O'Neil** shows that he is aware of Wells conflict of interest [Wells conflict of interest](#)
- 23/12/1998 Waitakere City Animal Welfare is setting the standard and to assist its future progress as an approved organisation it is proposing the Council should create a trust with which it will work in harness. An interim trust has been established by Council, with Neil Wells as acting CEO. The Council's final decision on the Trust will be in May [Waitakere re trust dec 1998.pdf](#)
- 1999–2005 O'Neil Group Director Biosecurity Authority
- b 1999 – Nov 2000 **Harvey President New Zealand Labour Party**
- 19/01/1999 Wells to **O'Neil** **It has now been agreed that Waitakere will no longer be in the trust.** Wells sets out time tabling right up to the fact that the minister will approve AWINZ [19 jan 1999.pdf](#)
- 20/01/1999 MAF look at bringing the commencement date forward to appease Wells [expectation that Wells declares conflict](#)
- 22/01/1999 Maf lawyer raises questions re AWINZ [AWINZ relationship unclear](#)
- 2/02/1999 Wells as Unitec trainer advises Barry **O'Neil** of new officers [unitec qualified officers](#)
- 2/02/1999 Wells seeks short term warrants for the new graduates " **Barry and David** agreed that this can now be done " " **I accept that any informal discussions we have are off the record and will not be brought back to haunt either of us later** " [bias issues](#)
- 2/02/1999 more correspondence re bias issue [more re bias](#)
- 8/02/1999 MAF to their solicitor George Capes -REQUEST FOR LEGAL OPINION issues raised re continuation of pilot and start-up of AWINZ Neil Wells, who is acting as an independent advisor intends to recommend that clause 105 of the Bill commence earlier than st of the Bill (1 October, 1999). [request legal opinion](#)
- 11/02/1999 wells pushes for early commencement of the act and states " I have some difficulty in raising this matter before the Committee as I need to take care that I do not appear to be biased." [AWINZ and the Bill](#)
- 14/02/1999 further confidential email from wells to bayvel re awinz seeking his opinion [wells to Bayvel confidential](#)
- 17/02/1999 The implications of the legal decision obtained by Maf are far reaching .. This opinion should not be given to Wells , Neeson does not feel comfortable in meeting with wells [far reaching implications](#)
- 22/02/1999 **Barry O'Neil** to Minister involvement of territorial authority staff in enforcement of AW discusses AWINZ makes claims : In these discussions with Mr Wells. MAF has made no commitments, has created no expectation and would provide similar advice to any other individual or organisation interested in being proactive in preparing an application under Clause 105. [involvement of territorial authorities AW](#)
- 24/02/1999 **O'Neil** to luxton re termination at 31 May and setting out policy that territorial authorities are not to be involved [memo re govt policy and pilot program future](#)
- 26/02/1999 **Wells visited the minister today** [wells visits minister 99](#)



- jan - march 1999 Invoice Wells to Didovich Draft report for Ministry of Agriculture on options; meet MAF Policy officials; contact with Minister's policy adviser to set up meeting; write briefing paper for Minister; meeting with John Luxton, Minister of Food, Fibre, Biosecurity and Border Control, on 25 February; write letter of confirmation of discussions to Minister; follow up liaison with MAF3334.70 and approval for \$6000 payable to ANZ bank 01 0186 0253056 00 [invoices 1999](#)
- 2/03/1999 ONeil to Bayvel " I read what Wayne reported of the meeting that luxton had with Neil Wells - to me it seems that the minister has already made up his mind [internal politics](#)
- 2/03/1999 Mafs paper consider ing the ealy commencement of the bill [early commencement AW bill](#)
- 15/03/1999 MAF emails for legal opinion x4 These documents have been withheld by MAF
- 1/04/1999 select committee report "we employed Neil Wells as independent specialist advisor" [select committee report.pdf](#)
- 18/05/1999 Failure to ban dog docking angers SPCA [http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=6818](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=6818)
- 10/06/1999 despite Wells claiming to MAF that Waitakere will no longer be in the trust **Didovich** continues to push for one with council .. It would appear that MAF and council are being played off against each other [didovich email june 99.pdf](#)
- 14/06/1999 **Didovich** forwards the above email to Wells [14 june 1999.pdf](#)
- 16/06/1999 AW bill before parliament -- It became clear that there were deficiencies in the policy approach in the Hodgson Bill. I believe that that has been accepted and recognised not only by Mr Hodgson but also by Mr Neil Wells, who assisted Mr Hodgson and the committee as this Bill was progressed. <http://www.vdig.net/hansard/content.jsp?id=72905>
- 16/06/1999 [New Zealand Hansard](#)  
[Wednesday, June 16, 1999](#)  
[hodgson](#)
- The story began almost a decade ago when my colleague the Hon. Jim Sutton was Minister of Agriculture, and had in his ministry's work plan animal welfare development work. The policy was developed in the early 1990s, even after the change of Government. So by 1992 the Government of this land---it was at that time a National Government---had completed work begun by a Labour Government, and had taken a series of decisions in respect of new animal welfare legislation. That legislation was needed because it was, even then, 30 or more years old, and because it was outdated by anybody's standards. Well, that was a big ask, but along came a person by the name of Neil Wells, a solicitor from Auckland, who has made something of a livelihood out of animal welfare matters. Indeed, his original thesis when he did his masterate in law was on animal welfare. He is a man who knows animal welfare legislation in this country and in other countries extremely well. He undertook to assist substantially in the writing of legislation, which was then introduced in my name in September 1997.
- 16/06/1999 Neil Wells was an adviser to this committee. He is a lawyer who has been at the forefront of these issues for years. He has assisted in the consideration. <http://www.vdig.net/hansard/content.jsp?id=72907>
- 16/06/1999 "The member himself did acknowledge Neil Wells. The next bit of ground that the committee broke, in this, was to appoint---outside the normal tradition of Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry advisers, etc.---Neil Wells as an adviser, who drafted the Hodgson Bill as well.... The National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and the National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee, ``NAWAC" and ``NAEAC" as they are commonly called, will approve and sanction the codes that are agreed after consultation with various sector industries <http://www.vdig.net/hansard/content.jsp?id=72899>

- 17/06/1999 Wells registers the National animal welfare trust a name which he had suggested . This is registered with a Canadian and an unloadable NZ'er. [national animal welfare.pdf](#)
- 28/06/1999 **Didovich** seeks to have councils lawyers duties passed to Wells re trust [28 june 1999.pdf](#)
- 14/07/1999 Wells to MAF seeking the parameters for an application for approved organisation and provides his own draft outline intends to make a public announcement re AWINZ on 17 August , again shows he is meeting with **O'Neil and Bayvel** [bill back to committee next week](#)
- 30/07/1999 guide lines for assessing applications for approved ORG, these are discussed with Wells .. He has input in the very guidelines which he will be implementing [guide lines for assessing applications](#)
- 12/08/1999 " Neil Wells and Tom **Didovich** who have established a Charitable Trust which, once the legislation receives assent, will make application as an approved organisation." [RNZSPCA-meeting-with-didovich-and-Wells.pdf](#)
- 22/08/1999 Wells formally advises **O'Neil** "that the Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand will, on the Animal Welfare Act 1999 being given its Royal assent, formally apply to be Gazetted as an "approved organisation".- **However AWINZ does not exist** [notice of intent.pdf](#)
- 2/09/1999 draft criteria [draft criteria](#)
- 1/10/1999 criteria for approved organisations under section 105 No 2 Bill " The assessment of this application, and the resulting decision is significant because of **Mr Well's previous interactions with MAF. Those discussions particularly focused on establishing an organisation that could enable local authority animal control** staff to also become animal welfare inspectors... **it is important for Maf to be seen as transparent. .. Organisation cannot be a person** [approved organisations criteria](#)
- 1/10/1999 Wells wrote the lecture notes for Unitec where he trained and provides students with notes on the no 2 bill [no 2 bill](#)
- 5/10/1999 ANIMAL WELFARE BILL (No. 2) : Third Reading special mention also needs to be made of those members of the select committee, particularly the chair, Eric Roy, and my now retiring colleague the Hon. Denis Marshall, Gavin Herlihy, Owen Jennings, Pete Hodgson, the Hon. Jim Sutton, the Hon. **Robyn McDonald**, and Jeannette Fitzsimons. <http://www.vdig.net/hansard/archive.jsp?y=1999&m=10&d=05&o=258&p=259>
- 5/10/1999 Parliament adjourned for elections <http://www.vdig.net/hansard/archive.jsp?y=1999&m=10&d=05&o=268&p=283>
- 12/10/1999 Maf discusion on gazetting prior to end 1999 [re gazetting](#)
- 18/10/1999 MAF supply criteria for approved organisation.. Note that the application has to be made by the applicant.. [criteria for approved organisation](#)
- 28/10/1999 Wells and **Didovich** apply for funding to the community well being fund while falsely claiming that AWINZ exists. [community well being fund.pdf](#)
- 22/11/1999 Wells makes an application in the name of AWINZ claiming that it exists when he knows that it has no legal existence at all. [application.pdf](#)
- 1/12/1999 <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-resources/news/new-animal-ethics-committee-chairperson-named>
- 9/12/1999 Barrister and North Shore City Councillor Wyn Hoadley is the new chairperson of the National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee (NAEAC). [MAF letter 9 december](#)
- Policy advisor Neeson assess the application made on behalf of AWINZ - in his view it is an artificial construct - Indeed, ,the information on page 7 is contradictory. It suggests that animal control will be a large element of AWINZ's work because it will be competing for local authority work, .I my view the application should not be approved ..
- 10/12/1999 Jim Sutton becomes Minister for agriculture
- 13/12/1999 legal opinion AWINZ application to become an Approved Organisation [withheld by MAF](#)

- 14/12/1999 **O'Neil to Didovich** We understand that you will be seeking to establish a relationship with an "approved organisation", under the Act, to continue this role. Please do not hesitate to contact David **Bayvel**, Director Animal Welfare, if you wish to clarify any specific issues or discuss this matter further. [end of pilot](#)
- 20/12/1999 Draft of the 20/12 letter includes " the letter invites him to discuss the outstanding issues with MAF directly MAF will make available to him a copy of the assesment prepared by MAF policy to ensure that he is aware of hte issues which need to be addressed . ... also last paragrpah the ords deleted were Inviting him to discuss the applucation on behalf of AWINZ with MAF [draft letter to min](#)
- 20/12/1999 I understand you have arranged a meeting with O'Neil to discuss application of AWINZ , However Neeson points out that AWINZ is about animal control bot promotion of welfare and that the application does not meet the criteria 122 (1)(a) 121(2) (c) and section121 (l)(a) to (d) and (e)(ii). [MAF letter 20 dec](#)
- 24/12/1999 **O'Neil to minister - Wells applied to you predecessor for approved status for AWINZ**" Over the past few years Wells has canvassed with MAF the possibility of promoting an organisation other than the SPCA to enforce the legislation. His means for doing so was to persuade the Waitakere City Council (WCC) to expand its animal (dog and stock) control work to include animal welfare although animal welfare is not core local authority business. MAF agreed to a pilot programme whereby WCC animal control officers would also be warranted as animal welfare inspectors." [MAF letter 24 dec](#)
- 5/01/2000 Record of conversation with Neil Wells [witheld by MAF](#)
- 5/01/2000 Wells discusses how AWINZ operates and states that the officers will volunteer their time he also makes reference to confirming letters and provides a draft o f these. The letter claiming to come from Waitakere council came only from Didovich and not from the council. [5 jan 2000.pdf](#)
- 26/01/2000 **Tom Didovich as business unit manager** writes to minister using a trading name and using North Shore city council letter head agreeing to allow the staff which are employed by Waitakere city council for the AW Work under AWINZ [didovich to MAF north shore.pdf](#)
- 26/01/2000 **Tom Didovich as Animal welfare services manager** writes to minister using Waitakere city council letter head agreeing to allow the staff which are employed by Waitakere city council for the AW Work under AWINZ [didovich to MAF waitak.pdf](#)
- 28/01/2000 Neeson writes to Wells and seeks clarifications including the legal status of the trust and emphasises that weight has been placed on the deed. [MAF 2000 re trust deed.pdf](#)
- 28/01/2000 notes are written on the rear of this document highlighting the points which need to be covered. [MAF 2000 re trust deed notes on back](#)
- 3/02/2000 The various council employees are asked to consent to the act in a voluntary capacity outside hours of employment and when required by AWINZ in an emergency. Note this does not say that they will be volunteering their council paid time as set out in the email 5 January [welfare workers.pdf](#)
- 21/02/2000 Minister thanks **Didovich** for supporting " Mr Wells has -been asked for more information that mayneed to be discussed with your Council" [sutton to didovich.pdf](#)
- 23/02/2000 Minister thanks **Didovich** for supporting "I needed additional information including an assurance that the Council's animal welfare officers would be willing to work under the auspices of AWINZ." [23-Feb-00](#)
- 23/02/2000 fax from Lesley Wear questioning what the risks are to council [wear fax](#)

- 26/02/2000 Didovich advises Wells that he is on leave to 13 March and forwards a copy of the letter 21 Feb - it is during this period that the trust deed is allegedly signed by the trustees - why would a council officer be doing this in his leave? See affidavits supplied may 2007 Wells & Didovich [didovich leave](#)
- 28/02/2000 On or about 28 February 2000 I picked up the two original copies from Neil Wells and took them to each of the other three trustees for signing. I was the witness to each of the three signatures. [affidavits supplied may 2007 didovich.pdf](#)
- ?/03/2000 application from international league of horses for approved status [reponse to marwick](#)
- 1/03/2000 the trust deed which was never sighted before June 2006 this is the copy which was sent to me by the lawyers, it differs from other versions in that the numbers are missing from many of the clauses. No certified copy was supplied. [trust deed.pdf](#)
- 1/03/2000 MAF was provided with another copy of the deed only the first page and the final three are the same the middle bit having been inserted. Again this is not a certified copy [trust deed MAF version](#)
- 3/03/2000 Didovich commissions a legal opinion with respect to funding animal welfare from rates for the fictitious AWINZ - the date of this document would suggest that the request was made before the trust deed even existed. [kensington swan.pdf](#)
- 17/03/2000 Wells communicates with MAF requesting reconsideration of registration of trust - falsely claims that it will add months to the process he adds that AWINZ can provide proof of existence and gives an undertaking of registration. [email re trust](#)
- 21/03/2000 Didovich to Wells Forwards correspondence " On behalf of Waitakere City Council and as the contractor for North Shore City Council (North Shore Animal Care and Control) I am able to provide an assurance that Council is satisfied for staff to enter into an arrangement with AWINZ attachments are 21 & 23 feb letters to Didovich from minister and the Kensington swann legal opinion. [21 march 2000.pdf](#)
- 21/03/2000 the same document obtained through MAF under OIA shows that the name of the author has been deleted.. The author is tom DIDOVICH this is relevant as he transpires to be an accomplice in this matter. [21 march 2000 MAF](#)
- 24/03/2000 [24 march 2000.pdf](#)  
The full email of the document previously supplied by MAF showing that wells and MAF officials were meeting informally, Wells also states " **while that could have been answered immediately by the council legal section , council decided to obtain independent legal opinion from Kensington Swann that opinion has now come to hand this week and confirms the previous legal opinion sent to MAF policy in past years** " as can be seen Wells is again suggesting that it is the council which is waiting, at all times this only involved himself and Didovich and not the city.
- 25/03/2000 Wells to Sutton copy for Bayvel: falsely claims that Both Waitakere city and North shore city have agreed to pay out call out fees to officers and all employment-related costs. AWINZ will not directly employ an inspector on wages - Then gives another false assurance that a signed copy of the deed will follow -claims that the original is being submitted to Ministry of Commerce for registration as a charitable trust in accordance with clause 20 (a) of the Deed- originals aren't sent and there is no section 20 in the deed. he refers to the Kensington swann legal opinion. he refers to the assurance from Waitakere city dated 21 March this letter was signed by DIDOVICH [25 march 2000.pdf](#)

31/03/2000	Waitakere officials' advice was that they were directed to send the correspondence direct to the minister's office and the original application had been sent to the minister in accordance with the act	<a href="#">31 march 2000 .pdf</a>
6/04/2000	MAF approach DIA fir funding support for crown law	<a href="#">6 april 2000.pdf</a>
13/04/2000	MAF concerns that accountability will be ambiguous - there is no provision for local authorities to carry out functions of the animal welfare act - you may wish to contact audit office - we have no funds for crown law.	<a href="#">13 april 2000.pdf</a>
14/04/2000	MAF lawyers send off for crown law opinion the issue is about TA ability to provide funding towards animal welfare	<a href="#">14 april 2000.pdf</a>
14/04/2000	the crown opinion was requested by MAF but doing so MAF worked on the assumption that the arrangement was going to involve council But in reality council was not involved and was only being done by Tom Didovich who was acting on behalf of Neil Wells. .	<a href="#">request crown opinion</a>
20/04/2000	However, you are no doubt aware that the application is the first under the new legislation and, given the somewhat unusual nature of the arrangements being proposed, I wish to be assured that the application meets all the requirements of the Act.-NO confidence that the Waitakere City and North Shore City Councils have the legal authority to fund the proposed arrangements	<a href="#">sutton on funding.pdf</a>
1/05/2000	<b>International league for the protection of horses incorporated struck off</b>	<a href="#">international league of horses</a>
1/05/2000	shows that Wells was not happy with the diligence that MAF was applying - I commented to him that I found it ironic that in his last letter he asked the minister to direct MAF to process the application without delay ...	<a href="#">1 may 2000.pdf</a>
2/05/2000	Wells to Sutton - perplexed and frustrated that the legal opinion does not give a satisfactory level of confidence that the councils have legal authority to fund the arrangements. He makes reference to discussions within the select committee - and requests a meeting.	<a href="#">2 may 2000.pdf</a>
8/05/2000	Wells tells MAF that the facilities will be rented at \$1 per year	<a href="#">8 may 2000 Wells.pdf</a>
8/05/2000	MAF lawyers get it wrong about reason for incorporation they do not consider the fact that the application has to be made in real or legal persons names and a pseudonym and undefined trading name is not enough.	<a href="#">8 may 2000.pdf</a>
9/05/2000	crown law office legal opinion provided to Neil Wells.	<a href="#">crown law opinion</a>
9/05/2000	Legal Opinion Crown Law Involvement of Territorial Authorities in Enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act	witheld by MAF
11/05/2000	Email Involvement of Territorial Authorities in Enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act	witheld by MAF
12/05/2000	Minister to Wells <i>I am willing to meet with you but after I receive the MAF report, I will write to you setting out my initial conclusions and invite you to discuss them with me. That will give you the opportunity to clarify points that you believe have not been understood or taken into account before I make my decision on the application</i>	<a href="#">sutton reply 12 may</a>
14/05/2000	MAF report that the report is to go to the minister .. <i>The report reaches a conclusion but in the interest of natural justice it does not recommend that the minister makes a decision . . . Neil is to comment on the briefing before the minister makes a decision.</i>	<a href="#">re briefing</a>
15/05/2000	AWINZ application to be an Approved Organisation	witheld by MAF
15/05/2000	application AWINZ application to be an Approved Organisation Application to be an Approved Organisation:	witheld by MAF

- 15/05/2000 **Neesons briefing prior to meeting" In a parallel development Mr Neil Wells established an animal welfare organisation. 'the animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand' (AWINZ). Mr Wells is a barrister and well respected animal welfare consultant and adviser. He also co-ordinates the national certificate in compliance (animal welfare) at UNITEC. **POINT 12 Neeson is wrong the application does not contain the full name, he is presuming that AWINZ exists Point 17 &18 AWINZ cannot enter into contracts if it is not defined. MAF speaks of undertakings made by AWINZ, if it did not exist how it could give undertakings, the only person who gave undertakings was Wells. Paragraph 45 is missing this will be a crucial paragraph. It will be to the effect that MAF has reservations that Local bodies could fund animal welfare.**** [15 may 2000.pdf](#)
- 30/05/2000 MAF Director general P R Kettle to minister - the information removed at point 19 and 24(c) are significant it reads " MAF considers, following advice from Crown Law Office, that the proposed funding arrangements between AWINZ and the TAs are ultra vires the LGA. Consequently. the financial arrangements of AWINZ are such that having regard to the interests of the public, AWINZ is not suitable to be declared to be an approved organisation, and MAF considers that AWINZ's application should be declined. **MAFbelieves that, as a matter of public policy, it is not appropriate for you to approve a proposal which is contrary to the law. 24 (c)note that MAFconsiders, following advice from Crown Law Office. that the proposed funding arrangements between AWINZand the Waitakere and North Shore City Councils are ultra vires the LocalGovernment Act 1974.resulting in financial arrangements that are such that having regard to the interests of thepublic AWINZ is not suitable to be declared to be an approved organisation;. noted On page 6 of the summary attached to the letter MAF believes that the management arrangements described in the AWI NZ Deed of Trust are satisfactory, It would appear that MAF have not considered the significance that the deed was not signed and that the persons who were named on their deed never gave their consent in any manner or form to MAF.** [30 may 2000.pdf](#)
- 30/05/2000 the full copy of the document referenced above minus the summary [30 may 2000 uncut](#)
- 30/05/2000 missing section from the summary what is significant is that this document refers to "**The WCC obtained a legal opinion" the legal opinion was obtained by dog control and not the council. MAF also notes that should AWINZ's application be successful, AWINZ expects to take over the animal control activities and facilities of the WCC. Longer term, AWINZ intends to compete for local authority animal control contracts "anywhere in New Zealand but only if the contracts include animal welfare. MAF considers that this strategy is not appropriate given the concerns about the legality of TA funding.**" [30 may annexure some missing sections](#)
- 30/05/2000 the attachment and the full copy of the above letter from Kettle to minister this was obtained from the Waitakere city councils files [legal.pdf](#)
- 9/06/2000 national animal welfare advisory commity Nawac includes amongst others David Mellor chair David Bayvel , Mark W Fisher( the contact point I have vbeen given at MAF ,Wyn Hoadley <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/regs/animal-welfare/pubs/nawac/awac-ar-99.pdf>
- 9/06/2000 Bundle of letters Operational research proposals - various providers withheld by MAF

- 12/06/2000 From Minister to Wells More, recently you wrote to me seeking an early decision on AWINZ's Application ..Crown Law has advised MAP that the Local Government Act does not allow a territorial authority to fund an animal welfare organisation or employ animal welfare inspectors [legal.pdf](#)
- 12/06/2000 Letter from the minister to Wells MAF version there is a large chunk missing on page 2 the missing bit recovered from the uncut version below states...**Crown Law has advised MAF that the Local Government Act does not allow a territorial authority to fund an animal welfare organisation or employ animal welfare inspectors. A territorial authority may employ staff only to perform its functions as set out in that Act and may only spend money on matters expressly or impliedly authorised by statute. Crown Law considers that if Parliament had intended a territorial authority to have an animal welfare role then the power could be expected to be found in the Local Government Act or other legislation. I believe that the opinion given by Crown Council is detailed and persuasive and raises an important matter of public policy. I would need to consider whether I should approve a proposal given that I am advised that to do so would be contrary to the law.** [12 june MAF copy](#)
- 12/06/2000 Letter from the minister to Wells Wells version - uncut [12 june Wells copy](#)
- 12/06/2000 Letter from the minister to Hodgson it appears that funding from the Waitakere city council and the North Shore City Council (20% of AWINZ's projected annual income its only assured source of revenue. [12 june to hodgson](#)
- 13/06/2000 Wells forwards documents on to **Didovich** stamped Confidential it includes the crown law office legal decision. - [legal.pdf](#)
- 19/06/2000 Wells meets minister with **Bayvel, Hodgson also present council lawyer Anthony Higgins & Didovich** MAF note d, in response, that the financial arrangements of AWINZ were always a critical factor particularly if the arrangement involved TA's- a legislative step could be to be considered [19 june 2000.pdf](#)
- 20/06/2000 Wells thanks minister for his support and refers to an agreement by minister to take a draft paper to caucus and that possible amendment of LGA to facilitate AWINZ [20 june 2000.pdf](#)
- 20/06/2000 Neeson to Wells - it appears that Wells is applying pressure to him He comments that he is spending a huge amount of time on animal welfare. [june 2000.pdf](#)
- 21/06/2000 Neeson we need to know if the WCC legal advisor is being asked to give an opinion based on the AWINZ proposal as submitted or a revised proposal Wells responds to Neeson and looks at seeking legal opinions [21 june 2000.pdf](#)
- 21/06/2000 Neeson summarises Neil Wells to submit a revised application which would sever any links with TAs (the Minister noted that AWINZ might not prove to be sufficiently financially robust without backing from Waitakere City Council; Wells states that he disagrees with this Neeson states it was **Higgins who was going to obtain a ROBUST legal opinion** [21 june Wells.pdf](#)
- 23/06/2000 Didovich steers the question which should be addressed by council lawyers to Kensington Swann putting him in touch with Neil Wells and asks them to check to see if there are serious flaws with the crown law office decision. And investigate S 37T LGA [didovich email june 2000.pdf](#)
- 23/06/2000 Notes of a telephone discussion with Neil Wells this morning- Nell will look at developing an amended I new / substitute application Wells advised to discuss proposal with minister of local government. [notes 23 june 2000](#)

23/06/2000	Didovich points out that Section 223(k) parts one and two of the Local Govt. Act allow for unauthorised expenditure	<a href="#">didovich to kennington swan</a>
26/06/2000	acknowledgement of letter dated 20 June by ministers office - we are not able to commit to meeting your proposed deadlines	<a href="#">26 june 2000.pdf</a>
30/06/2000	E-mail/Draft/Caucus Role of Local Government in Delivering Animal Welfare paper Role of Local Government in Delivering Animal Welfare services	
30/06/2000	Wells provides commentary on the caucus papers and amends them to suit.	<b>witheld by MAF</b> <a href="#">commentary-from-Wells-on-caucus-papers.pdf</a>
10/07/2000	Minister to Wells -thank you for letter of 20 June in which you set out your impressions of the conclusions reached at meeting 15 June It is premature to suggest, as in your penultimate paragraph. that a revised proposal would be an interim measure pending changes to the Local Government Act. he also mentions that he recalls Anthony Higgis suggesting that a legal opinion is obtained from Kensington swann ..	<a href="#">10 jul 2000.pdf</a>
17/07/2000	Tom Didovich who had requested the legal opinion ( see 23/06/2000 Didovich email) and is consulted on the legal opinion he has requested from KPMG, probably paid through council funds , I note the communications are directly to Didovich probably indicating that the councils legal advisor was circumvented. It is most likely that this draft had significant in put from Neil Wells as this statement would indicate " We understand that an attempt by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to introduce a late amendment at the Select Committee stage expressly to prohibit local authority staff from appointment as inspectors was rejected"	<a href="#">kpmg 17july draft</a>
31/07/2000	the final legal opinion , paragraph 13 reflects knowledge which would be exclusively known to Wells but not known to any other lawyers.	<a href="#">kpmg final</a>
6/08/2000	Wells writes to <b>Barry O'Neil</b> stating he now has a further legal opinion regarding 37T	<a href="#">6 august 2000.pdf</a>
15/08/2000	Fax attaching Legal Withhold Legal references Crown Law Opinion Neil Wells Animal Welfare- Funding Issues	
18/08/2000	Wells writes to Brue Ross DG MAF and accuses MAF of attempting to sabotage the AWINZ proposal	<a href="#">18 aug 2000.pdf</a>
27/08/2000	The legal opinion into which Mr Wells has had significant input is now made available to MAF	<a href="#">27 august 2000.pdf</a>
28/08/2000	MAF state that they would like to know what their legal persons have to say about this opinion " <b>Whether or not we approve AWINZ should stand on its own merits i.e. I am not keen on the Government entering into an agreement under S37T to legitimise something that is not a I ready legit "</b>	<a href="#">28 aug 2000.pdf</a>
1/09/2000	MAFs eek a further crown law office opinion We have also received from Neil I Wells a draft agreement (also attached),	<a href="#">1 sept 2000.pdf</a>
1/09/2000	the draft agreement identified by the Lawyer for MAF as having been supplied by Wells see 1/9/2000 <b>the document clearly identified AWINZ as being incorporated under the charitable trust act 1957.</b>	<a href="#">draft agreement.pdf</a>
5/09/2000	Larry fergusson to Wells <b><u>I am not prepared to advise the minister that the AWINZ application could be approved on the basis of an external legal opinion</u></b>	<a href="#">5 sept 2000.pdf</a>
5/09/2000	memorandum	witheld by MAF



- 8/09/2000 Larry Fergusson- this requires a speedy conclusion states that this activity should be notified to the rate payers " *If the crown were to enter into an agreement with TA and with AWINZ that would be recognition that work was being undertaken on behalf of the crown should it come to pass that the TA was held not able to undertake the activity from its funds the crown would be left with a potential claim against it.* [8 sept 2000.pdf](#)
- 11/09/2000 Legal Opinion Crown Law [withheld by MAF](#)
- 14/09/2000 email Larry Ferguson
- 15/09/2000 Wells tells MAF when he wants to talk with them [15 sept 2000.pdf](#)
- 17/09/2000 Wells suggests that the application can proceed subject to caucus approval, he suggests a change of structure for AWINZ which is to include UNITEC - Wells appears to be very much dictating the terms of meetings timing etc. The question also needs to be asked as to how one person can make a decision as to changes within a trust, that is if it di exist at this stage. [unitec in trust.pdf](#)
- 17/9/2000 email with draft caucus paper [withheld by MAF](#)
- 18/09/2000 re draft of caucus papers with Wells input the caucus papers recommends acceptance [caucus papers sept 2000](#)
- 19/09/2000 email with draft caucus paper [withheld by MAF](#)
- 20/09/2000 caucus paper [withheld by MAF](#)
- 21/09/2000 Briefing [withheld by MAF](#)
- 1/10/2000 **A definitive resolution of these conflicting legal opinions should be decided in court.** should the minister agree to approve AWINZ or decide fi the risk is too high MAF believes regulatory clarity should be sought to remove any doubt [s37T discussions.pdf](#)
- 1/10/2000 [harvey briefed.pdf](#)
- Wells has briefed Bob Harvey Mayor of Waitakere city and president of the labour party Harvey may well seek to speak to it when it goes to caucus.
- 10/10/2000 paper prepared by MAF for caucus **MAF proposes that, on balance, you might wish to consider approving the AWINZ application in principle although there are risks in doing so** [13 october 2000.pdf](#)
- 13/10/2000 email Neil Wells animal welfare pilot programme [withheld by MAF](#)
- 13/10/2000 Caucus papers and report 10/10 forwarded for minister [13 october 2000.pdf](#)
- 16/10/2000 MAF to DIA A view within MAF is that the legal opinions are not definitive; that the issue is "at least arguable", and could only be settled by legal action or legislation. [16 october 2000.pdf](#)
- 16/10/2000 draft briefing caucus paper [withheld by MAF](#)
- 20/10/2000 not every one in MAF is comfortable with the caucus paper ---Neil Wells has already written to the minister with regards to timing. [20 october 2000.pdf](#)
- 25/10/2000 Briefing/Caucus paper [withheld by MAF](#)
- 1/11/2000 NAEAC members Hoadley Chair , Bayvel <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/publications/biosecurity-magazine/issue-23/biosecurity-23.pdf>
- 14/11/2000 Caucus paper Email/draft Cabinet [withheld by MAF](#)
- 23/11/2000 this document references AWINZ as INC but no one checked to see if it did really exist. Draft paper to finance and infrastructure- financial implications **there was no consideration to MAF approving a body which did not exist. But considered inspectors actions.** [23 november 2000.pdf](#)
- 27/11/2000 From treasury : Our overall advice is that you do not send this paper to Cabinet. The paper has not clearly argued what the benefits and costs( economic, social, fiscal) of approving AWINZ are and why these benefits outweigh the costs. [treasury.pdf](#)

27/11/2000 emails treasury [withheld by MAF](#)

27/11/2000 Email from Felix Marwick journalist questioning if the minister has had any contact with the organisation.. **The reality is that the minister had contact with Wells; no one had any contact with the organisation and if they had tried to verify its existence would have found that it did not exist.** [ministerial AWINZ](#)

28/11/2000 We understand that the Minister wishes to advise his colleagues of his intentions possibly because of the political attention this issue has obtained with some Ministers and because of the possible legal risks. [28 november 2000.pdf](#)

28/11/2000 MAF forwards document to Minister there are obviously much in this paper which is being concealed there is a lot of blanking out significantly the authorisation to use council staff by Didovich is being relied upon, he is not the council and later becomes a " trustee of the trust which poses as the approved organisation. AWINZ is referred to as INC it is not a legal person in its own right and is just an undefined trading name. [papers for minister from MAF](#)

28/11/2000 email treasury funding animal welfare [withheld by MAF](#)

28/11/2000 email treasury funding animal welfare [withheld by MAF](#)

29/11/2000 ministers secretary responds to Marwick [ministerial AWINZ](#)

29/11/2000 cabinet paper papers

1/12/2000 the Minister of Agriculture accepts the advice offered by KPMG Legal, i.e. that the funding of animal welfare enforcement services is not ultra vires the powers of TAs as can be seen earlier Mr Wells and tom Didovich had significant in put into this " legal opinion . " [cabinet.pdf](#)

6/12/2000 Date the cabinet paper is considered

6/12/2000 a more complete copy of the cabinte papers significantly some of the items on the blank page show and what had been deleted included is the fact that " Whether or not the Council has the power to fund AWINZ is the subject of **conflicting legal opinion that can only be fully resolved by a Court or by amending legislation "** [full cabinet paper-extracts withheld](#)

6/12/2000 CABINET FINANCE,INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE it is **the opinioin of the minister of agriculture that the advantages to animal welfare ... outweigh the risk refered to in paragraph c.** [FIN minutes](#)

6/12/2000 Questions are raised about AWINZ involvement with the LOTR trilogy [6 dec 2000 lotr.pdf](#)

12/12/2000 **Bayvel** to Neeson " *although Neil has drafted the documents himself they will need to be closely scrutinised by you and legal to ensure that the crowns interest are protected* " [12 dec 2000.pdf](#)

12/12/2000 discussion within MAF with regards to performance standards discussion with regards to ILPH [12 dec 2000. no 2](#)

13/12/2000 MAF are required to set up MOU's and supervise agreements to WCC and to inspectors [13 dec 2000.pdf](#)

13/12/2000 MAF discusses the MOU's to each organisation reference is made to the imminent approval of the ILPH [Re ILPH MOU](#)

13/12/2000 it appears that MAF had no standards in place for the gazetting of approved organisation would this mean that they also did not have any standards for checking that organisations actually exit. [gazettal of approved orgs.](#)

13/12/2000 letter is drafted as respond to Marwick there is talk of a controlled announcement of the approval, there is no question as to how Marwick knew that AWINZ was to be an approved organisation as there appears to have ben no public consultation and the matter was not out in the public. [ministerial AWINZ](#)

18/12/2000 MAF to minister to sign off the agreement that AWINZ will be approved AWINZ has Inc behind the name [18 december 2000.pdf](#)

18/12/2000 Briefing note letter x2

- 18/12/2000 **"You will appreciate, therefore, that I exchanged correspondence with AWINZ"** the minister did not communicate with AWINZ he only ever communicated with Wells and never confirmed that AWINZ existed. [response to Marwick](#)
- 19/12/2000 minister signs off declaration of approval [declaration\\_of\\_approval.pdf](#)
- 20/12/2000 MAF observations on MOU's.. **MAF arrangement is likely to be complex due to the large number of interested parties.. In the end they only signed with Neil Wells.. This indicates that they really had no idea of what was going on.** [recommendations on approved organisations](#)
- 21/12/2000 Minister writes to Wells re approval of AWINZ Inc minister states " I am pleased to give my approval and Wish AWINZ every success." but who is AWINZ ??? He also states that he relied on the KPMG legal opinion, this was largely with Wells input! [21 december 2000.pdf](#)
- 18/01/2001 Gazette notice <http://www.dia.govt.nz/MSOS118/On-Line/NZGazette.nsf/0/d17d9eba142be79ccc256d26003f878f?OpenDocument>
- 18/01/2001 the notice was published in the notes for inspectors by Wells in this manner and although the application for AWINZ the approved organisation was never made by anyone else but Wells he keeps up the pretence that it is a charitable trust. [gazett notice insp manual](#)
- 19/01/2000 minister announces AWINZ as approved organisation [press release](#)
- 19/01/2000 minister announces AWINZ as approved organisation <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-resources/news/new-developments-in-animal-welfare>
- 29/01/2001 Wells seeks to have the Inc removed as he correctly states that Inc is for incorporated society but AWINZ is not a registered trust he does not disclose that the trust has never been registered. Minister signs the amendment to remove the Inc but still doesn't check if the organisation exists. [29 jan 2001.pdf](#)
- 1/02/2001 Councils take on animal welfare work [gazette ammendment](#)
- 29/03/2001 wells as trustee sends copies of the performance and technical standards [Councils take on animal welfare wells to sutton](#)
- 1/04/2001 MAF compile their performance and technical standards definitions **"AWINZ" means the Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand** [performance and technical standards](#)
- 5/04/2001 MAF writes re MOU draft and technical standards , inspector applications can be forwarded. [AWINZ and other matters](#)
- 1/05/2001 The Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand (AWINZ) has become an approved organisation under the Animal Welfare Act 1999. It is the first non-MAF organisation, other than the RNZSPCA, to gain approval to nominate animal welfare inspectors. [biosecurity-27.](#)
- 10/07/2001 Wells thanks the minister( Sutton ) and Hodgson , Barry O'Neil and Larry Ferguson for their intervention which enabled the application to move forward [Wells thank you letter](#)
- 28/08/2001 letter to RNZSPCA with regards to the disposal of animals seized , the legal opinion is provided by Neil Wells [disposal of seized animals.pdf](#)
- 15/11/2001 the American Humane society writes to Neil Wells regarding the unauthorised end credit. [aha.pdf](#)
- 20/12/2001 this shall include interviews with AWINZ staff and examination at AWINZ office - identified as the concourse. No audit is carried out to the effect that documents actually exist and that there is accountability between the parties. There are lots of recommendations for AWINZ but who is AWINZ ? [audt report 20 dec 2001](#)
- 18/03/2002 AWINZ received a copy of the draft report [AWINZ draft report](#)
- 9/04/2002 Wells writes on behalf of Unitec to MAF regardign the training required for inspectors [inspectors training](#)

- 22/04/2002 performance stds for AWINZ are approved [AWINZ performance stds](#)
- 24/04/2002 The Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand has been Gazetted as an approved organisation by the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and all animal welfare officers of Waitakere City and those of North Shore Animal Care and Control, which is a service provided by Waitakere City, have now been appointed inspectors under the Animal Welfare Act 1999. Mayor Bob Harvey was delighted to be able to present the letters to appointment to the following Waitakere City and North Shore City Officers: [http://www.Waitakere.govt.nz/abtcnl/ct/pdf/council/240402\\_min.pdf](http://www.Waitakere.govt.nz/abtcnl/ct/pdf/council/240402_min.pdf)
- 24/04/2002 agenda PART E - PRESENTATIONS and full acknowledgemtn of AWINZ at Waitakere. [http://www.Waitakere.govt.nz/abtcnl/ct/pdf/council/240402\\_ag.pdf](http://www.Waitakere.govt.nz/abtcnl/ct/pdf/council/240402_ag.pdf)
- 14/05/2002 Anthony Higgins operations support Waitakere [anthony Higgins still with Waitakere council](http://www.Waitakere.govt.nz/abtcnl/ct/pdf/council/240402_ag.pdf)
- 26/05/2002 Three weeks before The Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring was released, the American Humane Association asked the film distributors to remove a credit from New Zealand's Animal Welfare Institute which declared no animal had been ill-treated, abused or neglected during the making of the movie. [lotr.pdf](#)
- 1/04/2003 ARLAN SEMINAR EXPLORES HISTORY AND INTENTION OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 1999 Neil Wells is speaker at seminar " *Animal Behaviour and Welfare Consultative Committee began lobbying for the new legislation, but progress was slow. Frustrated, the committee wrote to every member of Parliament in 1997 to try to get support for the early introduction of the bill*" " *By 1997 a working draft of the Bill was ready to distribute to all stakeholders for their submissions, and Pete Hodgson placed it for ballot*" [arlan\\_publication](#)
- 23/09/2003 KAIMANAWA WILD HORSE WELFARE TRUST INCORPORATED Neil Wells patron <http://kaimanawa.homestead.com/ContactUs.html>
- 4/12/2003 MAF enters into a MOU with AWINZ only Wells signs as trustee, MAF have never seen a trust deed ,the agreement is signed with **Barry O'Neil** . AWINZ is not defined. [MOU MAF.pdf](#)
- 20/01/2004 Wells and Didovich together sign the MOU for animal welfare services of Waitakere city and not with the Waitakere city council , Wells signs on behalf of AWINZ, Wells later replaces Didovich as manager and effectively contacts to himself. [MOU Waitakere.pdf](#)
- 5/03/2004 Animal Welfare/Special Investigation Group Liaison Meeting Minutes [witheld by MAF](#)
- 21/04/2004 Animal welfare officer illegally seizes cat and owner finds he has no redress.
- 30/04/2004 Wells as trustee to Frittmann thank you for referring this to AWINZ as the approved organisation responsible for animal welfare in relation to Waitakere city . [chloe.pdf](#)
- 20/05/2004 council lawyer writes and expresses regret and offers free cat- [040520 - From Denis Sheard \(Council\).pdf](#)
- 1/06/2004 allegedly the last meeting of AWINZ before may 2006 [AWINZ MEETING MINUTES 10-05-06](#)
- 30/06/2004 Didovich as manager animal welfare defends the euthanasia of the cat by a council officer. [040630 - From Tom Didovich.pdf](#)
- 7/07/2004 Warrant for Jane Charles. Note that it states Waitakere animal welfare services represented by [warrants](#)
- 1/09/2004 pages from the inspectors manual produced by Neil Wells he refers to AWINZ s a body corporate he knows it is not as it has never been registered to become a body corporate, the document was not produced by the trustees, the trustees never met. [inspectors manual.pdf](#)
- 1/09/2004 Wells registers the web site AWINZ.org.nz and first strike.org.n they both point to the same web site called animal welfare.org.nz [domain name](#)
- 2/12/2004 Wells prosecutes a member of the public as barrister for AWINZ from an incident which originated with a council officer. [information.pdf](#)
- 2005–2007 O'Neil Assistant Director-General

- 9/03/2005 Wells swears an affidavit as part of the legal proceedings and claims that this is the date the application was made for IRD status see paragraph 36 [affidavits supplied may 2007 Wells](#)
- 14/03/2005 Wells solicits funds and obtains money from Beauty with compassion which has wound up [lord dowding.pdf](#)
- 21/03/2005 IRD number obtained see paragraph 36 affidavit [affidavits supplied may 2007 Wells](#)
- 17/05/2005 Wells delegates the creation of the AWINZ REPORT TO Waitakere employee Mat Franklin [AWINZ investigations report](#)
- 12/07/2005 the date the prosecution matter went to court [information.pdf](#)
- 6/07/2005 Hide questions relationship Bayvel and others [Hide queries business links of animal welfare officials](#)
- 4/10/2005 Wells applies to Waitakere city council for the position of manager animal welfare, he does not disclose his conflict of interest and lists **Mayor Bob Harvey and David Bayvel** as his referees. [4 oct 2005 job application.pdf](#)
- 7/10/2005 solicitor for charged person writes to both AWINZ and Neil Wells paying the fine and checking with Wells if the information has been withdrawn [7 october 2005 charge](#)
- 19-Oct-05 [Jim Anderton becomes minister for agriculture](#) [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minister\\_of\\_Agriculture\\_of\\_New\\_Zealand](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minister_of_Agriculture_of_New_Zealand)  
[w\\_Zealand%29 appointment Wells.pdf](#)
- 30/11/2005 Neil Wells has been appointed Manager - Animal Welfare. Neil is an old colleague of mine from advertising days and takes over from Tom Didovich.
- 22/12/2005 prosecution of owner of dog Lenex [lenex prosecution](#)
- 21/03/2006 I meet with Warwick Robertson of North Shore council with regards to enquires re AWINZ he asks me who my informant is so as to protect Lyn my informant I tell him it is Jane Charles.
- 27/03/2006 Wells approaches council lawyer Sheard with regards to fund raising and shows that he is aware that I have been asking questions with regards to AWINZ he claimed that North Shore did to use AWINZ but only the SPCA. [27 march 2006.pdf](#)
- 29/03/2006 Sheard LGOIMA reply " AWINZ is an unincorporated trust established by a trust deed which I understand is dated 9 November 1999. A copy of the trust deed is not held on the Council's file. " [SHEARD 29 March 2006](#)
- 29/03/2006 questions asked in parliament by Wayne Mapp of Minister for Agriculture re AWINZ Questions 3013-3017 [New Zealand Parliament - 3013- 3017 \(2006\)](#)
- 5/04/2006 [The Animal Welfare Centre at The Concourse is a designated animal refuge under the Animal Welfare Act 1999. AWINZ is the approved organisation and Waitakere City is the linked organisation](#) .Wells predicts that Hoadley is to be chairperson she is not even a trustee yet. [5 April 2006.pdf](#)
- 27/04/2006 conclusive proof that the approved organisation was not incorporated this is the registration of the trust which I was a trustee of [registration](#)
- 3/05/2006 Gerry Brownlee asks a question in parliament with regards to approved organisations [New-Zealand-Parliament-4621-2006.pdf](#)
- 10/05/2006 proof that the trust deed was missing ( again - both copies ? ) and that the trustees did not meet. [AWINZ MEETING MINUTES 10-05-06](#)
- 22/05/2006 On 22 May 2006 I wrote to the Inland Revenue Department foreshadowing an intention to apply for tax exempt status and provided a copy of the trust deed dated 1 March 2000 for verification that the clauses relating to tax status were appropriate... it was rejected see later doc IRD [affidavits supplied may 2007 Wells](#)
- 22/05/2006 Sarah Giltrap who had never met as part of the trust resigned. [Sarah's resignation](#)

23/05/2006 LGOIMA response from Waitakere Council he has conveyed to you Council's belief that the allegations which you have made against Mr Wells and AWINZ appear to be without substance. [council response](#)

1/06/2006 Hoadley signs as chairperson the addresses used as those of council [donation request.pdf](#)

21/06/2006 Wells receives a reply from the MED advising him that if he wishes to challenge the registration then it needs to be done through the high court. [ministry of economic developments.pdf](#)

23/06/2006 I receive anonymous letter Neil Wells and some more dirty tricks two letters were received this was the second one both letters are here with [anon letters](#)

4/07/2006 Nuala Grove resigns [Nuala resignation](#)

25/07/2006 Formal application was made on 25 July 2006 and after the applicable clauses were amended to reflect 2004 tax law changes the IRD gave approval on 21 December 2006 for tax exempt status of the Trust under the Income Tax Act 2004. [affidavits supplied may 2007 Wells](#)

28/07/2006 Lyn McDonald who was my informant is dismissed by Wells for a very minor matter .

6/08/2006 Jane Charles who I did not know but had named as my informant was given different duties which ultimately led to her dismissal.

14/08/2006 the missing trust deed is located, notice that it again singular deed , then why were there two deeds in court? [AWINZ meeting 14/8/2006](#)

14/08/2006 Didovich s appointed trustee [affidavits supplied may 2007 didovich.pdf](#)

5/10/2006 Review of approval of AWINZ as an approved organisation under the Animal Welfare Act [withheld by MAF](#)

20/10/2006 Wells seeks to have Lyn McDonald taken to the employment authority for breach of confidentiality because I used her name. this shows the influence Wells had over council and the ability to use public funds to keep the AWINZ matter concealed. [Lyn era](#)

31/10/2006 donation received into animal welfare institute Bank account [donation](#)

5/12/2006 a new trust deed is signed, for without it registration with the charities commission is not possible and the IRD needed documents which show progression of trust. [trustees deed 5 dec 2006.pdf](#)

15/12/2006 Legal opinion AWINZ [withheld by MAF](#)

21/12/2006 reference to IRD obligations : "*Formal application was made on 25 July 2006 and after the applicable clauses were amended to reflect 2004 tax law changes the IRD gave approval on 21 December 2006 for tax exempt status of the Trust under the Income Tax Act 2004.*" [affidavits supplied may 2007 Wells](#)

21/12/2006 IRD papers [AWINZ IRD](#)

2007–2010 **O'Neil** becomes Deputy Director-Generall

22/01/2007 appear before judge sharp on interlocutory applications

5/03/2007 reply from Anderton [anderton march 07](#)

31/03/2007 receipt issued for october donation [donation](#)

24/04/2007 MAF investigates me for allegations of passing off , the persons who made this complaint are eventually convicted of fraud, despite there not being any evidence MAF warn me. [Fresh Prepared](#)

1/05/2007 MAF seek progress on the registration of AWINZ, N Wells also advised that AWINZ would be entering into a separate MOU for the provision of animal welfare services with North Shore City Council by the end of 2007, to be implemented in February 2008. AWINZ was required to register with the charities commission. [minutes AWINZ meeting MAF](#)

7/05/2007 Rodney hide asks questions regarding verification of AWINZ [New Zealand Parliament - 7723 \(2007\)](#)

29/05/2007	Didovich claimed to have driven about and collected the signatures of the prospective trustees and witnessed their signatures , he was manager animal welfare Waitakere at the time and was on leave he later became a trustee to an identically named trust.	<a href="#">affidavits supplied may 2007 didovich.pdf</a>
29/05/2007	Before the select committee had even formulated the law Mr Coutts claims to have met with others to form a trust for the purposes of legislation which has not yet passed and a trust which was not yet formed	<a href="#">Graeme Coutts affidavit 31.pdf</a>
31/05/2007	Wells again confirms that the application for approved status was made on 22 November 1999	<a href="#">affidavits supplied may 2007 Wells</a>
31/05/2007	Solicitors for Wells seal order for \$12,2000 and threaten bankruptcy if not paid within 7 days	<a href="#">bankruptcy threat</a>
31/05/2007	Rodney Hide asks more questions of minister for agriculture	<a href="#">New Zealand Parliament - 9240 &amp;41</a>
11/06/2007	telephone conference for court proceedings	
21/06/2007	AWINZ liaison meeting minutes	witheld by MAF
20/07/2007		
	legal opinion on my correspondence	
		witheld by MAF
25/07/2007	dismissal of Jane Charles whom I had named as my informant- she was not she was just a name I remembered. " <i>In summary she was responsible for managing the team that provided animal welfare services to NSCC under the Contract under the trading name North Shore Animal Care and Control.</i> "	<a href="#">Wells era.pdf</a>
14/08/2007	The ERA decision on Jane Charles, no mention is made with regards to AWINZ	<a href="#">jane charles.pdf</a>
14/08/2007	Chronologies put together from various persons evidence shows that Jane was dismissed after I had named her.	<a href="#">Charles chronology</a>
31/08/2007	I am given a warning after a very bad investigation from MAF for passing myself off as a MAF officer, this complaint was made by persons who have since been convicted for fraud relating to the offence I was investigating.	<a href="#">Fresh Prepared</a>
28/09/2007	AWINZ is registered as a charity, this however does not give it legal existence as a legal entity and it is the individual trustees which have responsibility in their personal capacity	<a href="#">registration of charity</a>
18/10/2007	Meeting minutes	witheld by MAF
25/10/2007	<b>MAF misses the point, the fact that Wells lied to MAF in the application and obtained law enforcement powers for himself is where the fraud is. The fraud is that there was no trust</b>	<a href="#">to crown law</a>
28/11/2007	Grace Haden's complaints concerning AWINZ	witheld by MAF
29-Nov-07	Rodney hide asks more questions in parliament	<a href="#">New Zealand Parliament - 19741 &amp; 2</a>
31/10/2007	Wells states the North Shore will not renew the MOU- note letter from North Shore who say they have never dealt with AWINZ see 14/01/2009	<a href="#">North Shore inspectors</a>
10/12/2007	cv provided with affidavit	<a href="#">CV Neil Wells</a>
10/12/2007	Wells affidavit again states that " <i>In 1998, in anticipation of the passing of the Act, the founding trustees, Nuala Grove, Sarah Giltrap, Graeme Coutts and myself, met and decided to form a trust, The Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand, which it was intended, would become an approved organisation under the Act. This action had first been discussed with senior officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.</i> " " <i>a formal application for approved status was made to the Hon. John Luxton, Minister of Food, Fibre, Biosecurity and Border Control, on 22 November 1999</i> "	<a href="#">Wells affidavit.pdf</a>
23/01/2008	Grace Haden's complaints concerning AWINZ	witheld by MAF

24/01/2008 Wells second affidavit which was dismissed by the court note how he claims losses by producing his own invoices which can be easily manipulated . [Wells affidavit 08](#)

25/02/2008 Meeting notes [witheld by MAF](#)

25/02/2008 email from Felix Marwick journalist questioning if the minister has had any contact with the organisation.. The reality is that the minister had contact with Wells, no one had any contact with the organisation and if they had tried to verify its exist [witheld by MAF](#)

13/03/2008 hearing before Joyce [notes of evidence](#)

17/03/2008 Meeting notes [witheld by MAF](#)

25/03/2008 CPORT [witheld by MAF](#)

11/04/2008 " when our organisation has been in existence since 2000. " proof that it did not exist when the application was made [Wells to charities commission 11 April.pdf](#)

21/04/2008 audit conduted at Waitakere animal welfare .. Notes [that Wells is manager and trustee of AWINZ](#) [final draft audit 2008](#)

23/04/2008 email [witheld by MAF](#)

24/04/2008 email Wells/MAF [witheld by MAF](#)

24/04/2008 email Wells/MAF [witheld by MAF](#)

28/04/2008 Wells updates his request [Wells to charities commission 28 April.pdf](#)

5/05/2008 Wells requests documents provided to me by MAF [oia request By Wells](#)

13/05/2008 Email and attachment [witheld by MAF](#)

14/05/2008 [OIA request- AWINZ](#)  
 MAF communicate re AWINZ docs with regards to responding to Wells [I may have forwarded one or two of her very early emails for Mr Wells 'awareness/comment/response](#). This also shows that Hoadley is now becoming involved with AWINZ when in reality she has never signed up to any obligations to it.

4/06/2008 "Each year we send out a fundraising letter with the dog registration pack and it raises about \$5000" this also shows how he called upon the mayor for favours " Wyn Hoadley has asked if Bob would endorse her letter as it may lift the donations " [Wells re fundraising](#)

10/06/2008 Emails [witheld by MAF](#)

18/06/2008 Memorandum [witheld by MAF](#)

18/06/2008 MAF look at the effect of relinquishment of AWINZ It also shows that MAF was continually referring to Wells on matters of policy "[I am unsure whether AWINZ ability to cary out the film monitoring role or its willingness to draft codes of welfare is dependent on its approved status- this would be something to check with Neil Wells "](#) [possible relinquishments](#)

23/06/2008 Email and attachment [witheld by MAF](#)

13/07/2008 Lynne Pryor who alleged I had passed myself off as a MAF officer appears in court [Fresh Prepared](#)



17/07/2008

[final draft audit 2008](#)

major noncompliance is noted that annual reporting to MAF is not occurring and the MOU has not been reviewed annually.. The MOU is actually not worth the paper it is written on as AWINZ does not exist . Page 9 there is also a MOU between AWINZ and WCC- not the MOU was with animal welfare Wells had the MOU efectively to himself. see 20/01/2004" **Page 2 it was at times difficult during the audit to distinguish where the structure of AWINZ finished and where WCC began hence it was at times difficult to separate the AWINZ organisation from that of WCC. For example AWINZ inspectors are not employed by AWINZ but are all employees of WCC page 9 all personnel ( including the AWINZ inspectors ) based at the WCC animal accommodation facility (48 the concourse ) are employees of WCC It must be noted that AWINZ does not have any employees as such , apart from when they contract to the film industry to monitor AW issues, this did lead to some confusion regarding he demarcation between the two organisations . Page 10 Since 2003 no written report has been provided to MAF, page 13 AWINZ inspectors use WCC database. Page 14 the inspectors vehicle was inspected.. This would have been a council owed vehicle. page 18 Location of audit WCC animal accommodation the concourse**

30/07/2008 Joyce judgement

4/08/2008 Email AWINZ- future options meeting

6/08/2008 Handwritten notes AWINZ- future options meeting

11/09/2008

OIA reply from Anderton 1. the name of the entity which used the trading name Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand; · 2. why there is no definition as to what the Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand is beyond being an approved organisation;3. · ~[where] in the Animal Welfare Act or any Act does an approved organisation obtain the ability to become an entity in its own right; and4. · how AWINZ is an entity and not a trading name. request declined. this does however include contracts signed by Wells on behalf of AWINZ and Ronelle Deane ?

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10/10/2008 Email and attachment

28/10/2008 Meeting notes plus attachment

4/11/2008 emails

4/11/2008 Email and attachment

4/11/2008 emails

5/11/2008 Email and attachment

6/11/2008 Email and attachment

6/11/2008 Email and legal opinion

13/11/2008

**Letter from MAF to Wells as manager animal welfare advising him that Waitakere animal welfare cannot be an approved organisation.**

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19-Nov-08

David Carter becomes minister for agriculture

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minister\\_of\\_Agriculture\\_%28New\\_Zealand%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minister_of_Agriculture_%28New_Zealand%29)

17/12/2008 My LGOIMA request to Waitakere city

17/12/2008

the Waitakere reply incorporated into my request

[oaiWaitakere.pdf](#)

[Official Information act request Waitakere with reply.pdf](#)

[oiaNorth Shore.pdf](#)

17/12/2008 Oia North Shore

24/12/2008 Handwritten notes

5/01/2009

a diagram I prepared to show how the public private relationship existed

witheld by MAF

[public private relationship Neil Wells..pdf](#)

- 14/01/2009 "The MOU is between AWINZ and NSACC, not Council." while MAF expected the MOU and all agreements to be with council it was only contracting to a trading name, hence one undefined trading name contracted to another undefined trading name " **North Shore has never been a linked Organisation**". [OIA request reply nsccl.pdf](#)
- 19/01/2009 confirmation that contracts between the cities were done by Director of Enterprises at WCC and the Deputy Mayor and City Secretary and NSCC. - so why were the contracts to MAF not done this way ??? [rosemary Hagg.pdf](#)
- 21/01/2009 Email [withheld by MAF](#)
- 26/01/2009 Email [withheld by MAF](#)
- 27/01/2009 Files made available by MAF [MAF files accessed](#)
- 28/01/2009 Oia request following which I was given access to the Waitakere archives , I was advised later that the files 2000-2004 were missing "AWINZ is not "integrated with Waitakere City", the city plays no role in its administration. AWINZ does not operate from Council premises and animal welfare staff is not used for the administration of the affairs of AWINZ. (Mr Wells is involved in AWINZ matters on his personal Time.) [Waitakere.pdf](#)
- 11/04/2009 Finally I note that you continue to allege that AWINZ operates from the Concourse, despite [Sheard 11 march](#)
- 20/07/2009 the firm denial in my letter dated 28 January 2009 [audit report](#)
- 29/09/2009 the final audit report which was withheld and required intervention of the ombudsmen in its discovery , it again confirms that the application for approved status was made in November 1999 MAF expresses concerns in this audit. MAF communicates with Wells re release of information , this is also a privacy issue [communications-with-Wells-re-the-release-of-information.pdf](#)
- 7/10/2009 Wells and those posing as trustees of the trust which is allegedly the approved organisation seek to have information withheld from me, this request is successful. It takes 2 years of intervention of the ombudsmen to obtain this letter and the audit report. [trustees letter](#)
- 8/10/2009 MAF to wells re OIA request advising him of my actions [MAF to wells re OIA request](#)
- 5/11/2009 Advising that the approved status will be relinquished. By right clicking on this document you can see its properties. Note that it was created by Neil Wells on 23 November the letter is dated 5th November the signature of Hoadley has also been dropped in. this illustrates the integrity of documents produced by Wells
- 19/10/2010 ***Bayvel at 2 am on a Sunday morning sends a memo forwarding a copy of senior solicitor for MAFs request for legal opinion from crown law. 'The animal welfare Institute of New Zealand (AWINZ) is an approved organisation under the Act. Section 124 of the Act provides the mechanism by which AWINZ is able to recommend to the Minister that the dog control officers Waitakere City Council (W.CC) are also appointed as Animal welfare inspectors. AWINZ and WCC have an agreement by which AWINZ provides the necessary oversight to allow this arrangement to work. The WCC does not want to change this arrangement. ' - seeking to have Animal Welfare Waitakere declared an approved organisation*** [AWINZ legal opinion 08](#)
- persons who alleged I passed myself of as MAF officer convicted for fraud [Fresh Prepared](#)
- 8/11/2010 Hand written notes re my OIA copied to Wells [dealing with OIA](#)
- 2011 O'Neil becomes Deputy Director-General MAF Verification
- 25-May-11 Wells forwards documents to the law society to satisfy their request, he does so by circumventing my in put, the documents he supplies have never been produced in court and many including he two minutes documents were created in 2011. ( this can be seen by right clicking the open document and selecting properties ) [Wells letter to the law society](#)

- 29-Jul-11 You are correct in your statement that it is for MAF to release the Report. The decision of the Ombudsman is final. Before MAF releases the Report officials will need to brief the Director-General and the Minister and take on board any directions that they issue. Nothing is likely to occur before 10 August 2011 as regards release of the Report. You will be notified in advance of MAF compliance with the Ombudsman's decision. [Capes to Wells](#)
- 29-Aug-11 wells advised that the full audit report is being released [Bayvel re audit release](#)  
28/09/2011 document obtained under the privacy act and shows that Wells was still communicating off the record with MAF stating that I was to be made bankrupt .. He did not commence this action until December some three months later. Many portions of this document have been withheld [privacy act reply 8 feb](#)
- 29/11/2011 MAF does not have any anti corruption policies or verification process [Oia reply 29 november](#)
- 11/06/2012 Minister for primary industries There is no more information which can be made available to you