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Evidence 5. To Doug McKay

My email dated 15 February 2013 as below

This shows that I was warning councillors that their emails were being diverted but Wendy Brandon apparently diverted this one too.

I see it as extremely serious that I have had to deal with this negative attitude from council when I am raising an issue of serious corruption.

The reason you cannot see corruption is that you don't know what to look for. Look how well this was concealed and the lengths that staff went to protect it from being revealed.

What makes you think that other such corruption is not occurring. ? This is not unique.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Grace Haden'.

Grace Haden  
Licenced Private Investigator

**From:** Grace Haden [mailto:grace@verisure.co.nz]

**Sent:** Friday, 15 February 2013 12:40 p.m.

**To:** 'Doug McKay'; 'Mayor Len Brown'; 'Councillor Penny Hulse'; 'Councillor Cathy Casey'; 'Cr Northey, Richard'; 'Councillor Sandra Coney'; 'penny.webster@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz'; 'Councillor Mike Lee'; 'Councillor John Walker'; 'Councillor Sharon Stewart'; 'Councillor Michael Goudie'; 'Councillor Ann Hartley'; 'cameron.brewer@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz'; 'Chris.Fletcher@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz'; 'Catriona McDougall (Catriona.McDougall@ombudsman.parliament.nz)'; 'Councillor Alf Filipaina'; 'Councillor George Wood'; 'des.morrison@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz'; 'Councillor Calum Penrose'; 'noelene.raffills@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz'; 'Wayne Walker'; 'Dick Quax'; 'arthur.anae@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz'

**Subject:** Urgent call for the suspension of Wendy Brandon

To the Mayor and Councillors

## Urgent call for the suspension of Wendy Brandon and full investigation of her conduct.

**Please see the email exchange below the regards to my emails to councillors being Diverted.**

This is particularly serious in that I have been questioning corruption in council for the past 7 years and my innocent questions to Waitakere city council about the use of the animal facility at the concourse by an organisation called AWINZ. (which in reality was a trading name undefined person or persons)

The then manager of dog and stock control, who got his position without declaring his conflict of interest with regards to AWINZ, sued me to silence me. I now have proceedings before the court to overturn the judgement which was obtained by fraud. The lawyers involved in these proceedings and whose actions are subject to the court decision are also one of the big five suppliers of legal services to council. (BROOKFIELDS)

I have been prevented from obtaining speaking rights and then when I complain about the actions of counsel for council I find that she has diverted my emails to her email address only.

I have a truck load of evidence on the corrupt use of council premises and Wendy Brandon is fobbing me off and claiming that I am contempt of court when the evidence I am presenting is in the words of MAF in their Audit report <http://www.transparency.net.nz/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/final-draft-audit-2008.pdf> and states

*“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 the demarcation between the two organisations”*

Rate payers money was being used for a private enterprise and Counsel for council both past and present have covered this up.

I happen to think that this is serious .. what else is being covered up ?

Just this week I gave submissions to the local government electoral committee and asked why we bother with elections when it appears that the council lawyers run the place. We could actually save a lot of money.

**If council was run as a business Ms Brandon would be placed on suspension** while the investigation into the diversion of emails is investigated especially when these emails are complaints about her action. **What else is she concealing from councillors ????**

I know for a fact she is also blocking LGOIMA requests, not just mine but those of other people as well .

As a rate payer I like to think that the people we vote into council are the ones who are in control and not the hired help. I also have an expectation that the council which enforces laws on the residents also complies to the law with the same vigour and not by ignoring section 14 of the local government act 2002 by acting in an open, transparent, and democratically accountable manner.

We should be encouraging whistle-blowers on council corruption my story is enough to ensure that any one will remain silent.. the cost has been too high and there are those who would rather discredit me than look at the fact. If you are not sure about me ask ALF , we worked together in the police he is aware of my ethical standing.

It is interesting that what I questioned years ago appears to be exactly what is going on today , council employees stepping out of line and acting as if they own the council.

I would love to address all of you on corruption in council , I am not defaming any one, I am speaking the truth and can present it as pure fact , I have no doubt that what I will reveal will be an eye opener and will enable you to will be able take action to prevent t rate payers money from haemorrhaging from the council coffers.

Regards  
Grace Haden

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**From:** Wendy Brandon [<mailto:Wendy.Brandon@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>]

**Sent:** Friday, 15 February 2013 8:57 a.m.

**To:** 'Grace Haden'; Doug McKay; Mayor Len Brown

**Subject:** RE: complaint with regards to Wendy Brandon

Dear Ms Haden

I refer to your email below. You are of course free to complain to all and sundry regarding the diversion of your email correspondence to a single point of contact within

Auckland Council. Such diversion is entirely legitimate and simply a practical measure to ensure that your correspondence is managed appropriately.

I repeat my earlier advice that in my view, your carrying on your campaign in relation to AWINZ and its trustees by way of further and repeated correspondence to Auckland Council, is in breach of the orders made by the District Court, and therefore a contempt of court, and vexatious.

I also confirm that all of the information, records, reports, correspondence and material that is the subject of your ongoing requests has been provided to you by Auckland Council and its predecessor local authority, Waitakere City Council, or it cannot be located, or it does not exist. No further correspondence will be entered into with you, and all correspondence will simply be retained in council's records. Similarly, you may treat any LGOIMA requests as 'deemed refusals' and make a complaint to the Ombudsman.

However, given that I equally have better things to do than to carry on any further correspondence in relation to the diversion of your emails to a single point of contact within council, I have instructed IS to release emails from you to all addressees unless or until I am requested otherwise by any of them.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Brandon  
General Counsel

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**From:** Grace Haden [<mailto:grace@verisure.co.nz>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 February 2013 3:45 PM  
**To:** Doug McKay; Mayor Len Brown  
**Subject:** complaint with regards to Wendy Brandon

Hi Wendy guess this has come direct to you I want it to go to the people addressed in the top and want them to respond to me thanks

**I have posted [Wendy Brandon has my emails diverted to exclude councillors](#) please click for article and further links to emails that Wendy has diverted.**

I will also be approaching the law society and have brought it to the attention of the ombudsmen

I do want this matter placed before the mayor as it shows a serious conflict of interest by counsel for council.

Doug Please arrange for speaking rights at the next appropriate meeting of council so that I bring this matter up.

Regards  
Grace Haden

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