

8 July 2022

File Ref: OIAP-7-24656

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2022-091

I refer to your request for information dated 30 June 2022, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 30 June 2022. You have requested the following:

“copies of all correspondence between GWRC and PCC, and within GWRC, that has been a consequence of the Panel’s Minute #4.”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

You have requested that your request be treated with urgency and have provided the following reasons “as it relates to a current and ongoing matter with restricted time frames, and the provision of this information is essential so parties (other than GWRC and PCC) are kept up to date about the process and how the Panel’s minute is being dealt with and considered”. Greater Wellington has assessed your request for urgency and has processed your request as soon as is reasonably practicable.

*In terms of your request to provide all correspondence between GWRC and PCC, and within GWRC, that has been a consequence of the Panel’s Minute #4, please refer to **Attachment 1**.*

The following information has been withheld under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on the following grounds:

information pertaining to the full names of natural persons have been withheld under section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

- information pertaining to the contact details of natural persons have been withheld under section 7(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
- Information pertaining to the 'free and frank' expression of opinion by local authority employees has been withheld under section 7(2)(f)(i) of the Act in order to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority in the course of their duty.

We have considered whether the public interest in the requested information outweighs Greater Wellington's need to withhold certain aspects of the requested correspondence. As a result, we do not consider that the public interest outweighs Greater Wellington's reason for withholding parts of the document under the grounds identified above.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Alistair Cross
Kaiwhakahaere Matua Taiao | General Manager, Environment Management

Attachments (1)

From: [Joshua Knowles](#)
To: [Nick Pearson](#); [Jude Chittock](#); [Michelle Conland](#); [Anna McLellan](#)
Subject: FW: Minute # 4 for circulation
Date: Thursday, 23 June 2022 10:13:00 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[Minute # 4 - PWWTP \(1\).pdf](#)
[Minute # 4 - Attachment 1.pdf](#)
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Subject: Minute # [REDACTED] for circulation

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From: [Nick Pearson](#)
To: [Joshua Knowles](#)
Subject: RE: Minute # 4 for circulation
Date: Thursday, 23 June 2022 3:42:40 pm
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image007.png](#)
[image008.png](#)
[image009.png](#)

This has the potential to drag on for quite some time ay!

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Sent: Thursday, 23 June 2022 3:38 pm
To: Michelle Conland <Michelle.Conland@gw.govt.nz>
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Thanks Michelle, yea lets see what they say Tues then make a plan

Cheers
Jude

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To: [Mark Ashby](#)
Cc: [Elizabeth Burge](#); [Nigel\(Envirocontext\)](#); [Shane Kelly](#)
Subject: RE: Minute # 4 for circulation
Date: Thursday, 23 June 2022 10:16:00 am
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

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To: [Hudspith, Ezekiel](#); [Peterson, Richard](#); [Michelle Conland](#); [Jude Chittock](#)
Cc: [Nicholson, Isaac](#)
Subject: RE: Minute #3 from Hearing Panel
Date: Thursday, 23 June 2022 10:24:00 am
Attachments: [Minute # 4 - Attachment 1.pdf](#)
[Minute # 4 - PWWTP \(1\).pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

Hello,

Please also see Minute 4 and attachment. Please note this has been uploaded to HYS.

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From: Joshua Knowles
Sent: Tuesday, 21 June 2022 4:56 pm
To: Hudspith, Ezekiel [REDACTED]; Peterson, Richard
<Richard.Peterson@stantec.com>; Michelle Conland <Michelle.Conland@gw.govt.nz>; Jude
Chittock <Jude.Chittock@gw.govt.nz>
Cc: Nicholson, Isaac [REDACTED]
Subject: Minute #3 from Hearing Panel

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From: [Jude Chittock](#)
To: [Michelle Conland](#)
Subject: RE: Minute # 4 for circulation
Date: Monday, 27 June 2022 7:51:25 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Hi Michelle

I had a couple of thoughts about this today:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
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What do you think?

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4.2 Limitations of the WDPs

- The wetland delineation protocols do not account for wetland fauna under the RMA (except for the hydrology tool, which uses freshwater invertebrates as an indicator of hydrology).
- The protocols have not been tested to delineate wetlands that are in or extend into the coastal marine area (CMA), including connected areas.
- The protocols have not been tested to delineate geothermal wetlands.

Cheer



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From: [Michelle Conland](#)
To: [Owen Spearpoint](#)
Subject: Assistance with a wetland identification
Date: Wednesday, 29 June 2022 6:00:07 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Minute # 4 - PWWTP \(1\).pdf](#)
[Minute # 4 - Attachment 1 - Brian Warburton's statement.pdf](#)

Hi Owen

I've been involved with the Porirua Wastewater Treatment Plant wastewater discharge to the CMA. An issue has come up during the hearing, with Brian Warburton (one of the submitters and a retired planner) stating that there is a coastal wetland approximately 50m from the discharge point (His statement is attached), and that this needs to be assessed in relation to the NES-F given the recent court case in Auckland regarding the mangroves and discussion about coastal wetlands. We have received a minute from the hearing panel (which we also attached) which is asking for some information about the wetland (see para 11 and 14 in particular). This is largely a task for the applicant (and there are still planning aspects to be resolved), but GW as the regulatory authority has been tasked by the hearing panel to review the information.

The applicant has used David Cameron for their ecology assessment but he's not a wetland expert. David is keen to go out on site to have a look at the extent of this area, and is keen for you to go with him. Your role would be to inform the process of wetland identification but you are not expected to undertake the assessment. It would be useful if you could note if you think there are any wetland species present and if so, if any are rare or scheduled in the PNRP if possible. If needed, the applicant will fly someone to Wellington to do the assessment. We will need to approve their methodology and then comment on their assessment.

Jude Chittock is very keen to keep this work in house and with you if possible, as this may be the first of more assessments of coastal wetlands and it would be good to be able to utilise your expertise for any future applications.

Please let me know if you are keen and able to do this work and I will let the applicant know so the site visit can be arranged

Jude and I will be in the office on Friday if you wanted to chat about this further.

Ngā mihi

Michelle



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