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Tēnā koe 

### **Request for information 2024-093**

I refer to your request for information dated 1 May 2024, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 1 May 2024. You have requested the following:

- *a copy of any application, or draft application, for any project that Greater Wellington Regional Council has submitted, or intends to submit, to the process to be considered for addition to Schedule 2 of the Fast Track Approvals Bill;*
- *a copy of all correspondence between the council, councillors and staff in relation to the Fast Track Approvals Bill (including, but not limited to, any application to be considered for addition to Schedule 2 of the Bill) and the following people or organisations:*
  - *any member of Parliament, whether in their capacity as a MP or as a Minister of the Crown;*
  - *Ministry for the Environment;*
  - *Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment;*
  - *Department of Conservation;*
  - *Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet;*
  - *Ministry for Primary Industries.*

**Greater Wellington's response follows:**

***A copy of any application or draft application, for any project that Greater Wellington has submitted, or intends to submit, to the process to be considered for addition to Schedule 2 of the Fast Track Approvals Bill***

Greater Wellington has not prepared any applications to be included in Schedule 2 of the Fast Track Approvals Bill. We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) on the basis that that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

When refusing a request under section 17(e) of the Act we are required to consider consulting the requestor. In this context, we do not consider that consulting you would change the outcome of our decision.

***A copy of all correspondence between council, councillors, and staff in relation to the Fast Track Approvals Bill (including, but not limited to, any application to be considered for addition to Schedule 2 of the Bill) and the following people or organisations: any member of Parliament, whether in their capacity as an MP or as a Minister of the Crown; Ministry for the Environment; Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment; Department of Conservation; Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet; Ministry for Primary Industries***

Greater Wellington staff and councillors have not had any correspondence with the named people or organisations about the Fast Track Approvals Bill. We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the Act on the ground that the information requested is not held by Greater Wellington and we have no grounds for believing that the information is either –

- (i) Held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation; or
- (ii) Connected more closely with the function of another local authority, or department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

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



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