

23 February 2024

File Ref: OIAPR-1274023063-25401

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2024-014

I refer to your request for information dated Friday 9 February 2024, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on Friday 9 February 2024. You have requested the following:

“Accordingly, we request your file on this (WAR040089) resource consent decision. In particular, we request:

- *the applications for consents (including assessment of environmental effects);*
- *the submissions received, and evidence from those involved in the hearings process;*
- *the officer’s report that considered the application under the Resource Management Act 1991;*
- *the decision of the Minister of Conservation regarding the recommendation to approve consent for a restricted coastal activity;*
- *any documentation related to engagement that occurred with DOC, councils, stakeholders and local iwi/hapū about the consents both before and after the decision;*
- *any reports prepared concerning ongoing implementation and maintenance of the dunes and coastal access; and*
- *the final consent (with conditions) as granted.”*

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

In your email dated 12 February 2024 you requested that your request be treated with urgency and have provided the following reasons: *“The information is being requested in connection with a hearing that starts on Monday 19 February. Do you think it would be possible to provide the information to [REDACTED] this week?”.*

Greater Wellington has assessed your request for urgency and has accorded urgency to your request and processed your request as soon as is reasonably practicable.

The following documents have been provided in response to your request for information:

- **Attachment 1** - Application
- **Attachment 2** - Compliance_Inspection Report_Management and Officers Report
- **Attachment 3** - Correspondence
- **Attachment 4** - Engagement
- **Attachment 5** - Hearing and Evidence
- **Attachment 6** - Notice and Appeal and Mediation
- **Attachment 7** - Submissions_Redacted

Information pertaining to the personal information of individual submitters has been withheld from Attachment 8 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.

We have considered whether the public interest in the requested information outweighs Greater Wellington's need to withhold certain aspects of the requested Submissions. 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 mentioned above.

Please be aware, that given the age of the consent application (2004) and the date it was granted (2005), that these documents are in digitised format of varying quality.

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 Act.

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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