

15 November 2024

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### Request for information about a ‘trained odour scouter’

Thank you for your request of 5 November 2024 made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA – the Act) 1987 for the following:

*What qualification and training does a "trained odour scouter" have to have to hold for that job? As per your information sent out re the Seaview wastewater treatment plant.*

Your request is responded to in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA – the Act) 1987.

Wellington Water Limited engaged Air Quality Consulting New Zealand Ltd (AQCNZ) to prepare an odour scouting plan for the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The purpose of the odour scouting was to build a better understanding of the types of odour affecting the community to help prioritise the stages of work in the odour treatment renewal project. The scope of work also included training several engineers (odour scouts) to implement the odour scouting plan and use the PlumeMapper app to methodically report the odour scouting results.

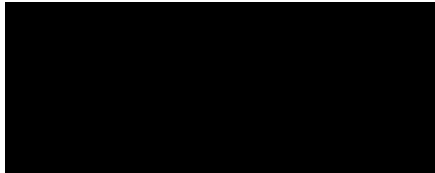
The odour scouts training included desk-based training, onsite training, and auditing of their sense of smell and ability to follow the odour procedure by AQCNZ. Auditing of the engineers’ odour scouting results enabled consistent assessment and description of the odours identified during the odour scouting. The trainer from AQCNZ is a qualified specialist professional in the field of odour emissions and controls and is a Clean Air Society of Australia and New Zealand (CASANZ) certified air quality professional (CAQP). The engineers and the training they have undertaken are referred to in the LGOIMA request as a “trained odour scouter”.

Please note that it is our policy to publicly release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/about-us/official-requests/official-information-act-responses/> with your personal information removed.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email us at [official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz](mailto:official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz)

Nāku noa, nā



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