

17 March 2025

LGOIMA 25-012

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information: Hautana Square – Lower Hutt water drilling

I refer to request for information received on 3 February 2025 asking for all information regarding drilling for water from the aquifer on Hautana Square, Lower Hutt.

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) and Hutt City Council also received the above request from you and notified Wellington Water Limited (WWL). On 4 February 2025 you clarified your request to WWL for all information as relating to the Waterloo well works on Hautana Square – referred to by WWL as the Waterloo Wellfield Investigations Contract.

Your request is responded to in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA – the Act) 1987. Please refer to the appendix on the next page.

Information has been withheld under section 7(2)(a) – protect the privacy of natural persons. In accordance with section 7(1) of the Act, we do not consider the withholding of information under the respective section(s) 7 of the Act is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

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 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 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

Nāku noa, nā

**Acting Group Manager
Capital Delivery**

APPENDIX

Summary of the project:

- Preliminary investigations for physical works: Jan – March 2025
- First well construction planned for FY 2025-2026 (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026) - assuming no significant design changes are required
- Second well construction FY 2028/2029 (1 July 2028 to 30 June 2029) – to be confirmed.

The description of your request:

Information re the Waterloo well works drilling on Hautana Square, eg information re selection of drilling areas, relevant rules re water drilling and building related structures on reserves etc, any consents issued, other possible or alternative drilling locations available or considered, time frames for investigation and construction, probable structures below and above ground should Hautana Square be selected, any other information re ramifications for the square especially with regard to subsidence, effects on the stream, any possible noise/vibration etc from a well and pump, and future servicing activities.

The document titled **Activity brief: Gear Island and Waterloo Wells Replacements** is attached for your information and referred to in the following:

- *Documentation (such as memos, reports) setting out the project mandate, scope, risks, issues and rationale.*

Section one and two of the Activity Brief. Other sections to refer to are:

- 2.4 Service goal risk score
- 2.5 Background
- 2.6 Activity objective
- 2.7 Scope of work
- 2.8 Activity details

- *Consents issued permitting the current works in the Reserve.*

This is part of the scope of work section 2.7.1 Please refer to the documents provided:

- **WGN240245 non-notified resource consent application: notice of decision**
- **WGN240245 Resource consent**

- *Engineering reports .*

Please refer to part 2.5 Background of the activity brief, more information will be obtained after investigation.

- *Project responsibility*

- Wellington Water Limited: The Wellington Region’s water services provided, as detailed at: <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/about-us/who-we-are/our-story>
- Greater Wellington Regional Council: owner of the bulk water asset
- Hutt City Council: landowners of the project site

- *Project funding*

Funded by GWRC

- *Ramifications for Hautana square – next steps*

Section 2.7 Scope of works

- *Future servicing activities – appearance of the well/bore, power generator etc*

This is still in investigation stage; the example given is only an example and Wellington Water Limited is happy to provide more options when the project is at that stage. There will be a need for power supply, at this stage of the project that is yet to be decided and will be worked out in conjunction with Wellington Electricity in relation to the capacity of their network and the need of energy we require, it is very likely there will be electricity supply infrastructure.

Following a meeting on 26 February 2025 additional questions were ask in relation to the different roles with this project. I refer you to the following table:

Ref.	Activity	Parties involved
1	Complete investigations contract	Contractor, WWL consultant, WWL
2	Obtain procurement strategy approval	WWL consultant, WWL
3	Review findings from investigations and consult with community	WWL consultant, WWL, HCC
4	Finalise detailed design further to community consultation, make recommendations for well head design and location, consenting	WWL consultant, WWL, HCC
5	Complete design, obtain Wellington Water design approval	WWL consultant, WWL
6	Prepare Request for Quotation as per the approved procurement strategy	WWL consultant
7	Tender process & contract award	WWL consultant, WWL
8	Construction – note cut-ins to Knights Road header during Winter, well drilling, development and construction during Summer	Contractor, WWL consultant, WWL

Note:

1. GWRC will be kept informed throughout the process through normal monthly reporting
2. HCC will be kept informed by the team through normal monthly reporting, meetings and submissions for Corridor Access Requests & Traffic Management plan approval
3. Touchpoints with the community will be established and managed by the WWL comms & engagement team.