

17 March 2025

LGOIMA 25-020

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information: Hautana Square – Lower Hutt water drilling

I refer to request for information received on 17 February 2025 asking for all information regarding drilling for water from the aquifer on Hautana Square, Lower Hutt.

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

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.

Individual questions:

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

1. *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

2. *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**

3. *Engineering reports or documents or any investigative reports or documents or preliminary type reports or documents that have been commissioned or written whether independently or otherwise relating to the potential existence of wells and bores in the Reserve, including relating to any potential effects or risks to the reserve or surrounding land and houses that may be caused by the physical works or the drawing of water should a water well or bore be identified under the Reserve.*

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

4. *Please can you confirm who is responsible for this Project - is it Wellington Water, Regional Council or the Hutt city council? What is the roles/responsibility of each organisation - we assume all three are involved at some level.*

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

5. *Please can you confirm who is funding this work?*

GWRC

6. *Please could you provide documentation that confirms next steps if a well/bore is identified under the Reserve and the process that will be followed before a decision is made to install a structure on the Reserve. If no documentation exists, please can you advise of the process and next steps.*

Section 2.7 Scope of works

7. *We have been provided with an example of what the structure may look like that would sit on the Reserve should a well be found. Please could you provide the options for the design and whether there would be consultation with Hautana residents on the options*

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.

8. *Lastly, if a structure is to be installed if a well/bore is found, is the structure one box or is there a second one that is also a power generator box of some sort?*

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 for 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.