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LGOIMA 25-034

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Request for information regarding the AECOM and Deloitte reports

I refer to the request for information on 3 March 2025. Your questions are detailed in the appendix on the following page.

On 12 March 2025, you were advised your fifth question was transferred to Wellington Water Limited shareholding councils as allowed by section 12 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA – the Act) 1987 as Wellington Water Limited does not hold this information.

I apologise for the time taken to respond to your request. The remainder of your questions are responded to in accordance with the Act in the following appendix.

Information has been withheld under section 6(c) of the Act *as making available the information to prejudice the maintenance of the law*. Information has been withheld under sections 7(2)a), 7(2)(f)(i) and 7(2)g) of the Act, fully described in the appendix.

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.

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

Again my apologies for the delay.

Nāku noa, nā

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Chief Corporate Services Officer

APPENDIX

1. *Full copy of AECOM Analysis of Panel Costs and Valuation Unit Rates Report and corresponding peer-review of that Report by Rider Levett Bucknall.*
2. *Full copy of Deloitte's report in relation to concerns surrounding the use of Wellington Water's procurement processes and financial systems.*

In response to questions one and two, these reports are publicly available at the following website links:

- [AECOM Full Redacted Report - Analysis of WWL Panel Costs and Valuation Unit Rates](#)
- [Deloitte Full Redacted Report](#)

3. *The full cost of each report (itemised if possible).*
 - AECOM report: \$125K
 - Deloitte report: \$207K
4. *Internal correspondence between board chair Nick Leggett and the CEO regarding the reports.*

Please refer to the attached document titled **LGOIMA 25-034 Q4**

Information, including draft and reviews of attached documents has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 7(2)(a): *protect the privacy of natural persons*; - mobile numbers, names
- 7(f)(i): maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority in the course of their duty - drafts;
- 7(2)(g)(i): *maintain legal professional privilege* – legal advice; and
- Out of scope – information not in scope of the request

The draft version of the attached documents are now publicly available, as detailed in the response to question two.

5. *All correspondence between Nick Leggett and any of the region's mayors regarding the report.*

As you were advised on 12 March 2025, this component of your request was transferred to Wellington Water Limited's shareholding councils under section 12 of the Act.

6. *Any internal and external correspondence between Nick Leggett and relevant staff that mentions resigning from his role in response to the report.*

A search for this requested information was undertaken and nothing was found. Consequently, this component of your request is refused under section 17(e) of the Act as it does not exist.

7. *Any disclosures of conflicts of interest relating to board chair Nick Leggett in his position.*

Please refer to the attached document titled: **LGOIMA 25-034 Q7**. Information has been withheld under section 7(2)(a) – *privacy of natural persons*. Information that is out of scope of this request has also been redacted.

8. *Any detail you're able to provide about the mentioned case of alleged fraud, what took place, what amount was allegedly stolen, what was the individual's role?*
9. *Any specific reports (internal and external) specifically relating to the one case of alleged fraud / theft mentioned in the above reports.*

The information related to questions eight and nine are withheld under section 6(c) of the Act as *making available the information to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.*