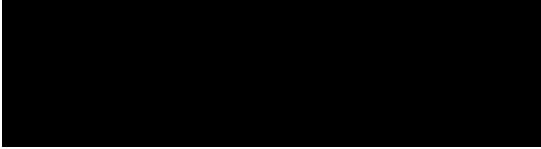



24 June 2025

**LGOIMA 25-115**



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**Request for information: 2022 Alliance Limb2 report**

Thank you for your request dated 26 May 2025, made under Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), seeking a copy of the Alliance Limb2 report.

Based on the previously supplied October 25 2024 Direct Source Procurement Memo – AECOM (page three - LGOIMA 25-038), Wellington Water Limited (WWL) understand your query is about BondCM’s 2022 review of the Alliance Limb2 project.

For your background, in 2022 the alliance agreement between WWL and Fulton Hogan underwent a scheduled review. As part of this process, WWL commissioned an independent consultant to prepare the Alliance Limb2 report. The report evaluated the cost and charging structure of the existing agreement, benchmarking it against other industry-standard arrangements.

The report’s primary objective was to assess whether the current alliance model represented value for money, and to identify whether any alternative commercial structures might better support the delivery of efficient and effective infrastructure services. These findings directly informed the subsequent negotiation phase with Fulton Hogan, which resulted in a revised alliance agreement.

The review was conducted by an independent infrastructure advisor with no prior commercial relationship with Fulton Hogan. It formed part of our standard contract management and continuous improvement practices.

Please find the BondCM review of the Alliance Limb2 project attached. Certain information has been withheld under the following provisions of the Act:

- Section 7(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- Section 7(2)(b)(ii) – to protect information where making it available would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied, or is the subject of, the information.

We have carefully considered whether the public interest in releasing the withheld information outweighs the reasons for withholding it under the Act. In this instance, we do not consider that to be the case.

We acknowledge the high level of public interest in infrastructure delivery, value for money, and the nature of contractor arrangements funded by public agencies. WWL is committed to transparency while upholding our legal obligations and responsibilities under LGOIMA and commercial law.

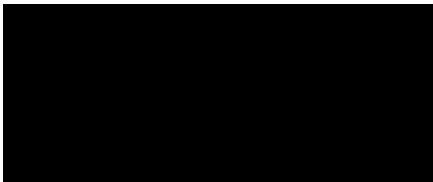
The Ombudsman has consistently recognised that commercial sensitivity can persist beyond the life of a contract particularly where information relates to pricing structures, intellectual property, or strategies that remain relevant in ongoing or future procurement processes. Premature or indiscriminate disclosure can compromise our ability, and that of others, to negotiate effectively and achieve value for money on behalf of the public.

In line with our standard practice, this response may be published on our website at <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/about-us/official-requests/official-information-act-responses/>, with any personal information redacted.

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

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**Chief Corporate Services Officer**