

12 May 2025

**LGOIMA 25-034**

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Multimedia Journalist – Newstalk ZB  
[REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### **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](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)

Again my apologies for the delay.

Nāku noa, nā  
[REDACTED]

**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.*

**From:** [Pat Dougherty](#)  
**Sent on:** Monday, 27 January 2025 10:07:33 am  
**To:** [Julie Alexander](#); [Charles Barker](#); [Jeremy McKibbin](#); [Susannah Cullen](#); [Wayne Maxwell](#)  
**CC:** [Vanessa MacFarlane](#); [Natalie Crane](#)  
**BCC:** [zzz Nick Leggett](#)  
**Subject:** Deloitte Draft Report - Private and Confidential  
**Attachments:** 7(2)(f)(i)

Kia ora

Please find attached a copy of the draft report that Deloitte have been working on over recent months in response to two protected disclosures regarding our financial systems and processes. I am sharing the report with you for fact checking before it is finalised and we take it to the Board on 20 Feb.

I would like to discuss the report at SLT on Wednesday and need to receive any written comments by COB Thursday.

Before we release this report more widely to shareholders, etc we will need to take out the names of specific contracts and contractors, so please ensure the version you are receiving today is kept absolutely confidential.

Nga mihi  
Pat

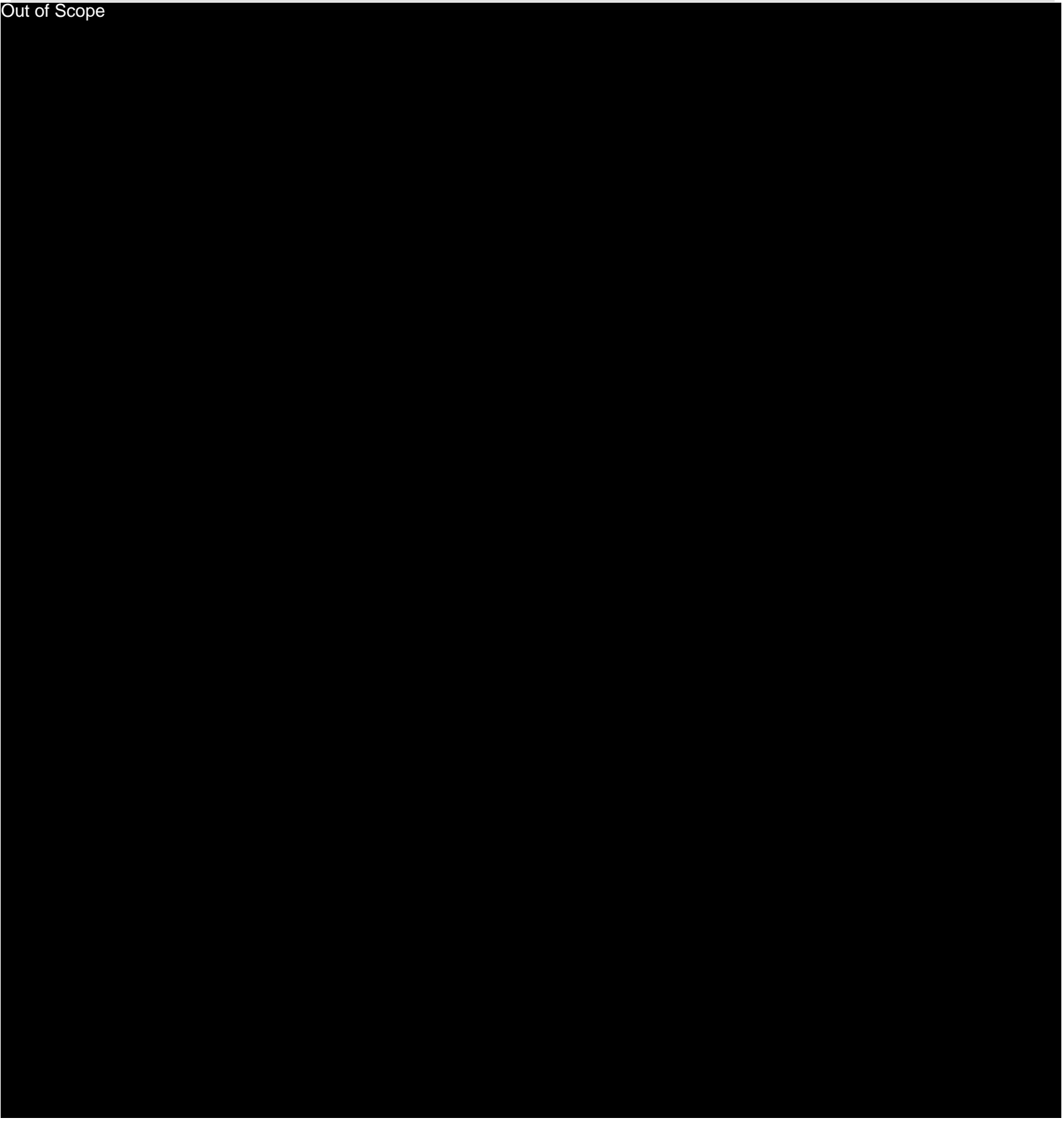
**From:** [Pat Dougherty](#)  
**Sent on:** Tuesday, 10 December 2024 11:33:40 pm  
**To:** [zzz Nick Leggett](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Initial draft cost audit report on the Alliance, Panels and Valuation analysis  
**Attachments:** 7(2)(f)(i)

Hi Nick

This was just in yesterday. Thought you would like to see it early.  
Perhaps we could discuss this on Friday after WWC?

Pat

Out of Scope



**From:** [Pat Dougherty](#)  
**Sent on:** Thursday, 16 January 2025 2:09:59 pm  
**To:** [zzz Nick Leggett](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Latest version of the cost audit report on the Alliance, Panels and Valuation analysis  
**Attachments:** 7(2)(f)(i)

Hi Nick

This is the final draft that is about to be peer reviewed.  
Probably worth a quick read but I will be waiting for the final reviewed version before getting too emotionally involved.

Pat

Out of Scope

**From:** [Nick Leggett](#)  
**Sent on:** Monday, 3 March 2025 9:06:37 am  
**To:** [Pat Dougherty](#); [Wendy Walker](#); [Jo Miller](#); [Wayne Guppy'](#); [Geoff. Swainson](#); [janice.smith@swdc.govt.nz](#); [Andrea Reeves](#); [Nigel Corry](#); [Campbell Barry'](#); [Mayor - PCC](#); [mayor@wcc.govt.nz](#); [Ros Connelly](#); [Councillor Melissa Sadler-Futter](#); [Helmut Modlik](#); [Lee Rauhina-August](#); [Andrea Rutene](#); [Nick Leggett](#); [zzz Leanne Southey](#); [zzz Bill Bayfield](#); [zzz Mahina Puketapu](#)  
**CC:** [daran.ponter@gw.govt.nz](#); [Mayor Tory Whanau](#); [RES: Mayors Office](#); [Mayoral Meetings](#); [Simon Edwards](#); [Euan Stitt](#); [Charles Barker](#); [Julie Knauf](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Council briefing value for money reports  
**Attachments:** Summary of Deloitte Report into concerns that financial systems and process may provide opportunities for fraud.pdf (188.02 KB), Summary of Report Analysis of Panel Costs and Valuation Unit Rates.pdf (391.37 KB), Media release Embargoed until Mon 3 Mar 10am.pdf (183.33 KB)

Kia ora koutou

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Pat and I this morning.

Please see attached for the summary reports and the media release as discussed today.

Ngā mihi

Nick

**Nick Leggett** Board Chair



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-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Pat Dougherty <Pat.Dougherty@wellingtonwater.co.nz>

**Sent:** Friday, 28 February 2025 2:53 pm

**To:** Pat Dougherty; Wendy Walker; Jo Miller <jo.miller@huttcity.govt.nz>; 'Wayne Guppy' <Wayne.Guppy@uhcc.govt.nz>; Geoff. Swainson <Geoff.Swainson@uhcc.govt.nz>; janice.smith@swdc.govt.nz; Andrea Reeves; Nigel Corry <nigel.corry@gw.govt.nz>; 'Campbell Barry' <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>; Mayor - PCC <mayor@porirua.govt.nz>; mayor@wcc.govt.nz; Ros Connelly <Ros.Connelly@gw.govt.nz>; Councillor Melissa Sadler-Futter <melissa.sadlerfutter@swdc.govt.nz>; Helmut Modlik <helmut.modlik@ngatitoea.iwi.nz>; Lee Rauhina-August <Ahumai1@outlook.com>; Andrea Rutene <rutene.floody@gmail.com>; Nick Leggett <Nick.Leggett@infrastructure.org.nz>; zzz Leanne Southey; zzz Bill Bayfield; zzz Mahina Puketapu

**Cc:** Vanessa MacFarlane; daran.ponter@gw.govt.nz; Mayor Tory Whanau; RES: Mayors Office; Mayoral Meetings; Simon Edwards; Euan Stitt; Charles Barker; Julie Knauf

**Subject:** Council briefing – value for money reports

**When:** Monday, 3 March 2025 8:00 am-9:00 am (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting; Meeting Room – Seaview (40 Max)

Please attend a briefing by the Wellington Water Board Chair and the CE on some recent work and reports to achieve better value for money for councils.

***This will be held on Teams.***

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Companies Act 1993 - section 189(1)(c)

## 094-00 Interest Register

(updated 20 Feb 2025)

Director	Nature of interest	Date disclosed
Nick Leggett	Trustee and Chair, Hutt Mana Charitable Trust	March 2022 (updated Sept 2023)
	Director, WRC Holdings Ltd, Greater Wellington Rail Ltd	March 2022
	Council member - Hanga Aro Rau - Workforce Development Council	March 2022 (updated Sept 2023)
	7(2) is a City Councillor on Porirua City Council, which is a shareholder of Wellington Water Ltd	March 2022
	Aspiring Futures Foundation Trustee and Chair	July 2022 (updated Sept 2023)
	CE – Infrastructure New Zealand	May 2022 (updated Sept 2023)

Director	Nature of interest	Date disclosed
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