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Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

Tēna Koutou Mr Cook, Ms Hutt and Dr Anderlini,

I'd like to take this opportunity to reach out to discuss the details I raised in my e-mail to Ms Hutt and Dr Anderlini, sent on 17 May 2022, regarding the removal of the garage located on Rolleston Street.

At the time I had the opportunity to review a large amount of documentation relating to the Omāroro Reservoir works as mentioned in the e-mail. One particular piece of information sourced included civil drawings created by Beca for Wellington Water which confirmed the removal of the garage on Rolleston Street. This information led me to believe that I was compelled to support the resource consent for the Omāroro Reservoir, as it stated the garage was to be removed. On further investigation it has been confirmed that the civil drawings I referred to were in fact not part of the resource consent, but rather provided from an archive of all documents relating to the consenting processes of the Omāroro Water Reservoir project. I understand that the resource consent does not confirm the garage's removal and my comments made in my e-mail were incorrect.

Whilst there was a connection between the consented civil drawings I referred to and the resource consent, I would like to express my sincerest apologies for this, and any confusion that this may have caused.

As advised, the Council exercised its termination right under the encroachment agreement with respect to the garage, and the removal of the garage allowed the land for that part of the street to be reconfigured, providing carparks for the community to utilise when visiting the Prince of Wales Park and sportsground.

The Council was aware of the concerns raised by residents regarding the removal of the garage; with the garage being used as a community hub and the impact its removal would have on the community. With this in mind, steps were taken to ensure residents were kept aware of the time frame the garage was to be removed. Alongside this the Council also provided alternative temporary storage arrangements for the possessions inside the garage to be held, including the delivery of these possessions, at no cost to residents.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Nga mihi,

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