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LGOIMA 25-158

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Pinehaven Stream Improvements project – Phase 1 and Phase 2

I refer to your request for *a copy of all invoices and receipts related to expenditure on Phase 1 (culverts) and Phase 2 (Willow Park) of the Pinehaven Stream Stormwater Upgrade. This includes costs for consultants, consenting, main contractors, subcontractors, materials, labour, legal fees, and Council charges.*

Regarding your query about the alleged discrepancies mentioned in the subcommittee papers, please note that these documents were prepared by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC). As you have also submitted your request to GWRC, they will respond directly to that part of your request.

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), with our decision detailed below.

#### Decision

The records are held by numerous suppliers and contractors—estimated to be over 400. Identifying, extracting, and reviewing these records to remove private or irrelevant information would require significant manual effort. This constitutes an unreasonable administrative burden; therefore your particular request is refused under section 17(f) of LGOIMA *that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.*

Invoices and receipts typically contain commercially sensitive details such as supplier rates, subcontractor pricing, and material costs. Releasing this information could unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of our contractors and suppliers and affect Wellington Water's ability to negotiate competitive terms in future. For this reason, the information is withheld under sections 7(2)(b)(ii) and 7(2)(c)(i) of LGOIMA *to protect against unreasonable prejudice to a commercial position and supplied in confidence.*

We have considered the public interest in releasing this information, but in this case, it is outweighed by the need to protect the commercial interests of our suppliers and our ability to negotiate competitive terms in future.

Summary provided

Under section 15(e) of LGOIMA, *where information may be made available by giving an excerpt or summary of the contents*, we are providing a summary table of capital expenditure incurred between FY2017/18 and FY2024/25 for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Pinehaven Stream Stormwater Upgrade, during the period Wellington Water managed the project. This table is included in the attached appendix.

Please note the following:

Upper Hutt City Council (UHCC) and Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) undertook some direct procurement for the project. Specifically, they managed the purchase of the culverts and the property acquisitions independently. These costs were not handled by Wellington Water Limited (WWL), so they do not appear in WWL's project expenditure.

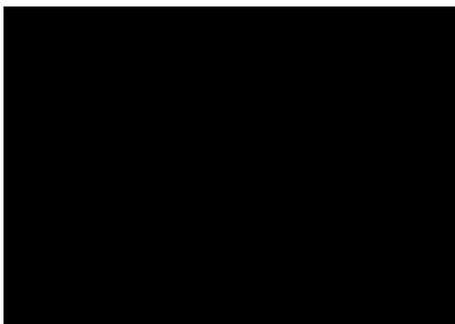
For any costs incurred before FY2017/18 or after FY2024/25, please contact Upper Hutt City Council or Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Please note that it is our policy to publicly 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-actresponses/> 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](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)

Nāku noa, nā



Group Manager  
Capital Development

## APPENDIX

Project Description	Cost Category *	Total Capital Expenditure FY18 – FY25 (GST exclusive) \$ NZD
UHCC-CPX-Pinehaven Stream Stormwater Upgrade Phase 1	Consenting	308,499
	Construction	6,124,559
	Consultation	218,807
	WWL Corporate Cost	732,187
	Design	2,588,112
	Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) Phase	504,765
	Legal	350,163
	Procurement	39,873
	Project Management	890,854
	Property	243,020
	Survey	29,558
<b>UHCC-CPX-Pinehaven Stream Stormwater Upgrade Phase 1 Total</b>		<b>12,030,395</b>
UHCC-CPX-Pinehaven Stream Stormwater Upgrade Phase 2	Consenting	1,904
	Construction	4,633,362
	Consultation	87,369
	WWL Corporate Cost	801,033
	Design	136,150
	Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) Phase	302,207
	Kaitiaki Monitoring Strategy & Engagement	39,841
	Legal	27,125
	Mana Whenua Partnerships	60,274
	Project Management	1,287,640
<b>UHCC-CPX-Pinehaven Stream Stormwater Upgrade Phase 2 Total</b>		<b>7,376,905</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>19,407,300</b>

**\* Cost category explanation**

Terminology	Explanation
WW Corporate Cost	WWL corporate cost is a charge that covers Wellington Water's overhead costs associated with supporting Council capex activities, including project and other corporate support (e.g. procurement, finance, asset planning, modelling).
Consultation	Costs involved in communications and consultations with the public and residents.
Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) Phase	<p>ECI (Early Contractor Involvement) is a project delivery method that involves the contractor in the design phase of the project. It enables the contractor to provide input on the buildability, optimisation, and scheduling of the project during the design phase.</p> <p>This allows for more efficient and effective project delivery and more robust risk management, ultimately resulting in a better outcome for the client.</p> <p>These are the costs associated with this phase of the project.</p>
Property	Costs associated with property advisors and valuations, such as reviewing and identifying property rights and meeting with property owners.
Procurement	Costs involved with procurement activities.