

Friday 5 August 2022

OIA IRO-259

Email: [REDACTED]@xtra.co.nz

Kia ora [REDACTED],

Official information request regarding the Resource Consent Application for the Porirua WWTP.

I write regarding your official information request, transferred to us in part by Porirua City Council, on Monday 4 July 2022. You requested all correspondence between Greater Wellington Regional Council and Porirua City Council, and to and from Wellington Water that has been as a consequence of the Panel's Minute #4.

We have considered your request in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings act 1987 and determined that we are able to partially grant your request.

Please find attached in our email response your request all correspondence we hold on this matter.

Pursuant to [Section 7\(2\)\(a\)](#) of the Act, some of the information within the provided correspondence has been withheld as it contains personal information about private individuals. We have also withheld some of our draft working and internal communication on the basis that the end product will very soon be public ([Section 17\(d\)](#))

We understand that this response has taken some time to reach you, and we sincerely apologise for this delay. This was due to staff absence due to sickness and a work backlog.

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.

Ngā mihi nui

[REDACTED]
Manager, Customer Experience
Wellington Water Ltd

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Information Required to Process the Resource Consent Application for the Porirua WWTP
Date: Thursday, 30 June 2022 4:23:52 pm
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

Kia ora [REDACTED]

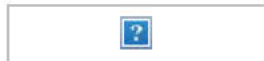
In response to your request, I am managing the re-consenting process for the Porirua Wastewater Treatment Plant on Porirua City Council's behalf (contact details below).

In relation to the panel minutes, I am advised that it is appropriate for you to direct your queries to the Hearing Panel via [REDACTED] at GWRC - [REDACTED] [@gw.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@gw.govt.nz)

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ([he/him](#)) **Manager (RMA, Consents and Environment)**



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From: [REDACTED] [@xtra.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@xtra.co.nz) <[\[REDACTED\]@xtra.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@xtra.co.nz)>
Sent: Wednesday, 29 June 2022 3:42 pm
To: [REDACTED] [@porirucity.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@porirucity.govt.nz)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Information Required to Process the Resource Consent Application for the Porirua WWTP

Hello [REDACTED]

Can you please let me know when I might receive a response to my query?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@xtra.co.nz> [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@xtra.co.nz>

Sent: Monday, 27 June 2022 3:31 pm

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gw.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@porirua.govt.nz>

Subject: Information Required to Process the Resource Consent Application for the Porirua WWTP

Hello [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

As you may be aware, on 23 June 2022 the Panel (acting on behalf of GWRC as consent authority) hearing the consent application by PCC for a proposed upgrade to the WWTP for Porirua issued a minute requiring the applicant (PCC) to provide additional information. As a part of providing this information, the applicant (PCC) is required to get GWRC staff to certify the applicant's (PCC's) methodology.

I think it would be helpful for all parties if there was additional clarity around certain aspects of the Panel's requirements.

These are relatively minor and therefore are best addressed with direct correspondence with the relevant and respective staff at GWRC and PCC.

To this end can you please let me know which staff member in your respective organisation has responsibility for managing the RMA processes relating to this application, and their relevant contact details.

A prompt response would be appreciated. I look forward to that.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]; [Official Information](#)
Subject: FW: Wetland area
Date: Tuesday, 5 July 2022 3:23:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

The below email chain and the earlier email chain are the only correspondence we can find that relates to minute 4

From: [REDACTED]@cawthron.org.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 23 June 2022 2:02 pm

To: [REDACTED]@stantec.com>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]2@stantec.com>

Subject: Wetland area

Kia ora [REDACTED]

As context for your site visit, I've just been looking at the GWRC map viewer. If you turn on the Coastal Elevation layer, it shows that the wetland lies in the elevations between 100 and 200 cm above MHWS10. MHWS10 is defined on the website as "the mean high water spring tide exceeded 10 percent of the time. It is often used as a practical high tide level for infrastructure design works, and also for estimating extreme high (e.g. the 100-year Average Recurrence Interval) storm tides."

So, the number of times that seawater, and any contaminants from the discharge, would reach the wetland is presumably very limited, if it ever does. Do you have access to a salinity meter to see whether those pools in the [REDACTED] photos contain seawater or rain? From the aerial image in the GWRC map viewer I can't work out whether the pools photographed by [REDACTED] are actually in the wetland area or further down the shore.

Best wishes.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@stantec.com>

Sent: Thursday, 23 June 2022 10:58

To: [REDACTED]2@stantec.com>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@cawthron.org.nz>

Cc: [REDACTED]@dentons.com>

Subject: FW: Minute #3 from Hearing Panel

Hi [REDACTED] and [REDACTED],

Some direction from the hearing panel with respect to the NES-Freshwater just received. Speak at 12.30

Thanks,

[REDACTED].

From: [REDACTED]@gw.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 23 June 2022 10:25 a.m.

To: [REDACTED]@dentons.com>; [REDACTED]

<[REDACTED]@stantec.com>; [REDACTED]@gw.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@gw.govt.nz>
Cc: [REDACTED]@dentons.com>
Subject: RE: Minute #3 from Hearing Panel

Hello,

Please also see Minute 4 and attachment. Please note this has been uploaded to HYS.

Thanks,



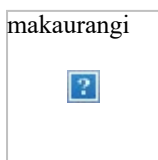
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 21 June 2022 4:56 pm
To: [REDACTED]@dentons.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@stantec.com>; [REDACTED]@gw.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@gw.govt.nz>
Cc: [REDACTED]@dentons.com>
Subject: Minute #3 from Hearing Panel

Hi All,

Please see attached Minute #3 form the Hearing Panel.

Thanks,



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