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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **15 January 2025** requesting the following information:

- 1. Could you please provide me with the Environment Court mediation documents specific to the commitment "to look at a range of coastal adaptation options"***

Please refer to the attached agreements between Council and CRU, and between Council and the North Otaki Beach Residents Group.

In regards to the agreement between Council and CRU, Clauses 12 and 14 outline the need to engage the community on options to 'address coastal hazards' and that Council 'evaluate an appropriate range of management options for coastal hazard management' including those summarised by [Carley et al June 2014 Report](#) and in particular Section ES.7 (Need for Coastal Management) of that Report.

For clarity, Section ES.7 of the Carley et al Report proposes consideration of 'coastal adaptation options' as follows:

"In the formulation of planning policies for coastal hazard management, a full range of management options needs to be considered in conjunction with stakeholders, and include policy, economic, environmental, cultural and social factors. Noting that the definition of risk is likelihood times consequence, risk may therefore be managed by changing either the likelihood or the consequence.

In short, this management may consider combinations of the following options in increasing order of strength (of intervention):

- *No action;*

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- *Retreat and relocation;*
- *Accommodation (optimising the coexistence of the built environment and natural processes);and*
- *Protection through: Soft engineering (such as beach nourishment); Hard engineering (such as seawalls)”.*

2. Could you please provide a copy of the "guidance to the Council on what a coastal hazard plan change...the approach that it might take..."

Please refer to the Coastal Advisory Panel's recommendation report, and in particular its final recommendation in Section 12 of the report:

<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/media/d3ih4wwq/takutai-kapiti-coastal-advisory-panel-recommendations-report-final-v1.pdf>

The recommendations of relevance to your request include:

pp. 114:

“In addition to recommending the short-listed dynamic adaptive pathways, CAP recommend the following”.

pp. 117-118:

“Further, as agreed at the CAP meeting held on 6th December 2023 CAP endorses the following planning approach:

- *Use of a risk-based approach similar to that adopted by Porirua City Council and Wellington City Council in their recent District Plan reviews.*
- *Coastal hazards planning rules and provisions will constrain subdivision, use and development according to levels of risk.*
- *Risk areas will be mapped based on the best available information including relevant national and regional direction (NZCPS & RPS) and the most up to date; and IPCC information and relevant national guidance”.*

Ngā mihi,



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