OIR: 2627/54

31 August 2026

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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 **10 August 2026** regarding the Te Moana Road rising main. You have requested the following information:

1. ***Has it been left because that you are not getting a result from the Cultural Issue?***

   No. The project has not been abandoned. Council continues to progress the Waikanae rising main project and has engaged with mana whenua, Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, over a number of years.

2. ***What was the original estimate for the 278 metres of rising main from the pump station to the M2PP services corridor?***

   Council is not aware of a 278-metre rising main length. Also, Council is not aware of the reference point "M2PP services corridor" you are referring to. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 17(e) of the Act as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist.

3. ***What is the current estimate for this same section?***

   Refer to question 2 response.

4. ***What change is there in the Construction Costs Index during this 2016 to 2026 time?***

   Council does not hold this information, but it is available on the Stat NZ construction cost index web page here.

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5. ***Has the Waikanae Community Board been made aware of the delays to this critical section of infrastructure and the cost increases, which ultimately will be passed onto the ratepayers?***

   Council has provided updates to the Waikanae Community Board through the "WCB Matters Under Action" report. No cost information has been provided in theses updates to the community board.

6. ***On the Cultural Issues, would a payment have helped smooth the way past the Cultural site?***

   Council does not hold this information so this part of your request is refused under section 17(e) of the Act as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist.

7. ***Is there a future use for the 162 metres of rising main which was constructed under the expressway, in order to bypass the cultural issue which was unsuccessful?***

   Council has not identified a 162-metre section of rising main matching the description in the request. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 17(e) of the Act as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist.

8. ***What was the cost of the 162 metres rising main which appears to have been abandoned?***

   See answer to question 7.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,

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