

OIR: 2324/714

24 November 2023

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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 **27 October 2023** providing feedback on investigations into the Waikanae Lagoons Drainage & Stormwater Management and Flooding and requesting the following information:

You noted the statement that “it has been suggested that the Waimanu Lagoons be lowered 300mm” and have asked whose suggestion that was

The option to reduce the water level in the lagoon by 300mm was presented to Council in the Thomas report as Option 1.

You have asked who proposed the investigate the proposed wetland

The suggestion was suggested as part of the Tonkin and Taylor Report.

You also requested Council provide you with the cost of the two Consultants fees to date to determine the cost to Ratepayers.

The Thomas Report was part of detailed investigations into 6 catchments. The original contract price for this work was \$75,000. It is not possible to break down the costs associated specifically with the “Waikanae Lagoons Drainage and Flooding Issues” report and on that basis I must decline this part of your request as the documents alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate them, they cannot be found, section 17(e) of the LGOIMA refers.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

The contract price for the Tonkin and Taylor investigations works and report was \$76,000 of which \$74,400 was paid.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



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