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**Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) (the Act) – reference: OIR 2122-290**

I refer to your information request we received on 7 June 2022. Please find below our response to Question 1 of your request. We have advised you below regarding Questions 2 and 3.

***In the early 2010's DOC increased the permitted visitor numbers to Kapiti Island from 50 persons per day to the current 160 persons per day. This was widely publicised in the media at the time.***

***Due to the large increase in visitor numbers there would be a huge increase in the parking requirements.***

- 1. Please provide a copy of the Resource Consent application/approval for this increase in tourism activity and the subsequent demand on ratepayers funded car parking.***

Council does not have any records of a resource consent being issued to increase the permitted visitor numbers from 50 persons a day to 160 persons per day.

On that basis I must decline this part of your request as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist, despite reasonable efforts to locate them, they cannot be found, section 17(e) of the LGOIMA.

Further to our recent email on 1 July 2022, we have concluded that we need further clarification from you regarding Questions 2 and 3, as follows (and based on the date you gave us of 2010 onwards):

- 2. Please provide all correspondence between DOC to KCDC regarding any discussions around increased visitor numbers and the need for additional parking.***
- 3. Please provide all correspondence between the tour operators and KCDC during this time of the expanded tourism activity.***

An initial search of our records regarding these two questions has provided thousands of pages of information, after discussion, staff have considered the work that will be involved in preparing the information to answer your request and have estimated that it will take approximately 386 hours to complete the work required. This is based on checking each page of content for relevance to your request, redaction of information that isn't relevant or 'out of scope' and peer review of the information being considered for release.

Where requests encompass a wide timeframe and require such large amounts of information to be reviewed and prepared, legislation can enable Council to refuse such a request under section 17(f) of the LGOIMA, as “the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research”.

Therefore, we are requesting that you consider refining your request further or if you can be more specific about the information you are seeking, this will enable staff to proceed further with your request.

Please contact me on [informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz](mailto:informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz) by close of business Tuesday 12 July 2022 with your refined or clarified request.

Please note that if the request cannot be further refined or clarified, it is likely that Council’s ability to undertake its day-to-day work would be significantly impacted therefore your request may still be declined under section 17(f) of the LGOIMA.

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.

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