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25 September 2025

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

Thank you for your email of **3 September 2025** requesting the following information:

I would like to propose that a culvert be created for the creek to flow under and allow the flying fox whilst remaining compliant in its current position. The community does not want a small token flying fox designed for under 5 year olds up with the remainder of the preschool designed playground. There needs to be something for the older children which the flying fox catered to. To ensure that all options are being considered I seek under the OIA the following

- 1. All internal communications relating to the flying fox at Kaitawa Reserve sent or received within the last 6 months.***

Communications specific to the Kaitawa Flying Fox are recent, they only commenced as a result of a safety assessment commissioned from Future Landscapes (RPII Level 3 Assessor) on or about the 22 August 2025. However, copies of all email communications relating to the flying fox at Kaitawa Reserve within the last six months have been attached as requested.

- 2. All communications with suppliers/potential suppliers in relation the flying fox at Kaitawa Reserve sent or received in the last 6 months.***

There have been no communications with suppliers or potential suppliers specific to the Kaitawa Flying Fox prior to the safety assessment conducted in August 2025. As a result of this failed assessment, Council staff reached out to Playground People on or about 25 August as the preferred supplier currently approved for supply of playground equipment this financial year. Staff met with the supplier on-site to investigate options and locations to determine compliant options for consideration when deciding on a suitable replacement. Once

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received, those design options help inform community discussions with inputs considered before a replacement is decided upon and installed.

3. All proposed designs including designs that have been abandoned for future flying foxes at the Kaitawa Reserve.

On 15 September 2025, the first Draft Designs were received from Playground People. These are the only design options that have been received and are intended to be used in consultation session(s).

4. All reasons as to why the current flying fox is not compliant.

A copy of the wider Kaitawa Reserve Safety Assessment conducted by Future Landscapes [incl Flying Fox] and a specific Report pertaining the Kaitawa Reserve Flying Fox is attached.

In relation to the documentation attached to this response, you will see that personal details of some individuals have been withheld, the decision to withhold this information is made under section 7(2)(a) of the Act which allows for Council to withhold information in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

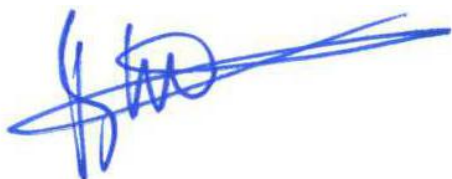
Some of the information requested is withheld under section 7(2)(f)(i) of the Act. The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority in the course of their duty.

In each instance where information has been withheld, I am satisfied that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring release.

Some information has been redacted as it is outside the scope of your request and relates to other matters.

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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If you are interested in the attachments which accompany this response, please contact us at: informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz.