

OIR: 2526/315

5 March 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 **7 February 2026** requesting the following information in relation to the Waimeha Stream:

- 1. What is KCDC doing to ensure GWRC acts on the terms of the consent it obtained to properly manage the stream mouth as it said it would when seeking that consent?***

The requirement to maintain the stream mouth sits with GWRC under the Watercourse Maintenance Agreement signed between KCDC and GWRC in 1991. GWRC's regulatory team are the people charged with ensuring that any requirements under their Natural Resources Plan and associated consents are met. KCDC is not aware of any consents that are issued for this work. Currently the Natural Resources Plan contains permitted rules that allow GWRC to manage the stream mouth within certain limits. KCDC has met with GWRC to discuss the Waimeha River mouth and the holistic management of the catchment. Currently a series of meetings have been agreed to progress a joint operational plan to ensure that all of the community's needs are considered in the management of the Waimeha.

In your further email of 2 March 2026, you ask for the following further information:

- 2. I still await a response to my request for information about what KCDC is doing to protect the dunes it has long known were an important first line of defence and has endeavoured to enhance by planting better species than lupin and marram (though lupin and marram have done a pretty good job to date).***

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

Council has worked with the community in this specific area for several years supplying and planting native dune binding plants and carrying out environmental weed control.

We follow best-practice guidance from the Coastal Restoration Trust of New Zealand. Dunes are naturally dynamic systems and to see dunes shrink and grow in cycles over time is to be expected.

Council is currently working with Greater Wellington on a joint operational plan that will include an integrated approach to dune and stream mouth management.

I would also like to know, and now request, information on what opportunities there are or will be for consultation with property owners now looking at destruction of the foredunes caused by the late change of GWRC's policy on cutting the Waimeha Stream mouth? I am aware there is consultation with iwi so it seems strange immediately affected property owners are not similarly engaged with.

As mentioned previously, Council is currently working with Greater Wellington on a joint operational plan. There will be opportunities for community consultation once the draft joint operational plan is developed.

- 3. That GWRC's new "let nature takes its course" is fallacious when applied to a man-made stream (and particularly one which has been sustained by human activity since it was formed.***

This comment has been noted.

Ngā mihi,



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