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

Thank you for your email of 3 March 2023 requesting the following information:

When and how do you/KCDC propose to correct this erroneous implication in the last Takutai Newsletter (which mentioned CAP's visit to Peka Peka), and recount what has actually played out at Peka Peka, which is of course is subject of CAP's case study on the plight of our Peka Peka Community?

I am sorry to hear that you were concerned by aspects of the Peka Peka article published in the December 2022 Takutai Kāpiti Newsletter. I appreciate the points you have raised about drainage efficiency, stormwater and groundwater flooding in Peka Peka. The article did not intend to imply cause, as further work is underway; or compare issues of severity across the district regarding groundwater flooding.

I passed your concerns onto the Council's infrastructure team and am glad to hear that you are now you are now in conversation, and have met with, this team and GWRC (Greater Wellington Regional Council) who are the appropriate people to address your concerns.

The intent of the newsletter article was to highlight that although groundwater is outside the Coastal Advisory Panel's remit, they are very aware of the interconnectedness of water issues in our District and are trying to gather as much information as possible. I agree with your point that it's important to "better understand when (at what sea levels) we might expect seawater to inundate our groundwater and impact its levels for local stormwater drainage".

In the next addition of the Takutai Kāpiti Newsletter, we will do a follow up on this to note that:

- The panel met with residents in Paetawa Road, Peka Peka Beach in December to discuss groundwater issues, including the impact of rainfall and coastal inundation. The residents pointed out their situation is caused by a range of factors, including drainage inefficiency. Both GWRC and Council have met with the residents to consider options for addressing this.
- Takutai Kāpiti is doing work to better understand at what sea levels we might expect seawater to inundate our groundwater and stormwater systems in our coastal areas.

The effects of sea level rise on infrastructure along our coast is one the elements of the risk assessments for each Adaptation Area. These will be released as they become available and are reviewed by the panel.

You may know that the Coastal Advisory Panel is seeking further feedback from your part of the coast on concerns about the impact of coastal hazards and suggestions for tackling them. The survey closes on 2 April and is open to all. Please let me or Abbey Morris (abbey.morris@kapiticoast.govt.nz) know if you would like your comments submitted directly into this process, or feel free to submit your ideas in the online survey at haveyoursay.kapiticoast.govt.nz/coastal.

The panel will be holding another community engagement event for your area in Ōtaki in early-mid June, where they will cover what they have heard and put forward their draft adaptation options for the northern part of our coast. Details for the event will be advertised in due course in local media and through Council channels, including the Takutai Kāpiti Newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in this project. Your input is valued.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kris Pervan', with a stylized, flowing script.

Kris Pervan

Group Manager Strategy and Growth
Te Kaiwhakahaere Rōpū Rautaki me te Tupu