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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) – reference: OIR 2122-138

I refer to your information request we received on 1 December 2021 for the following:

"As a property owner in Waikanae Beach I believe the KCDC has received the Jacob's Report on coastal vulnerability. Can you please advise where I can obtain a copy of the report."

Council has commissioned Jacobs, an international engineering and environmental consultancy company, to carry out a coastal hazard susceptibility and vulnerability assessment for the Kāpiti coast. We expect to receive the report from Jacobs in early 2022, and it is expected it will be made publicly available at that time. This request is therefore refused as the information requested is not yet held by Council (section 17(g) of the Act refers).

The methodology for the coastal hazard susceptibility and vulnerability assessment is, however, already published on the Council website and on the website [Takutai Kāpiti – A hub for the Coastal Adaption Programme \(takutaikapiti.nz\)](http://Takutai Kāpiti – A hub for the Coastal Adaption Programme (takutaikapiti.nz)). This website has a [Resources](#) page which you may find useful and which includes the Insurance Council of New Zealand (ICNZ) document "View on climate change and the role of local government", and a link to the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) Sea Level Rise Tool. You can also sign up to the newsletter on this website for regular updates.

Council has also established a Community Assessment Panel. The panel will look at the changes happening to our coastline and look at options for adapting to change. These discussions require technical, legislative and cost considerations. Its recommendations will help guide development of District Plan provisions to manage coastal issues and an approach for the district dealing with coastal hazards.

The panel will meet over the next 12 months to have these discussions and develop their recommendations to Council. This is likely to be in early 2023 to allow for Local Authority elections.

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.

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Sean Mallon

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Te Kaihautū Ratonga Pakiaka