

OIR: 2526/247

27 January 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 **5 January 2026** in relation to new signs that have been erected in the vicinity of [REDACTED] Kapiti Lane, Otaki Beach. You have requested the following information:

Background

[REDACTED]. ***Otaki River is an important part of the Otaki community, particularly for local families who regularly spend summer days swimming, fishing, and enjoying the holidays in their local area.***

Kapiti Lane and the extension to the river is also the access for people who want to walk the Ōtaki River Trail as part of the Pathway to the Sea.

Over recent years we have witnessed changes that have impacted local peoples' access to Ōtaki River. Additional speed humps have been put in, large boulders and huge concrete blocks have been placed to prevent cars accessing the river, and now, in recent weeks new signs have appeared saying vehicle access is not allowed past the property at [REDACTED] Kapiti Lane.

All these changes have meant that this summer, very few families have been to the river, and there is an unpleasant unwelcoming atmosphere as a result of 'patrols' of the beach and parking areas and people in vehicles being harrassed for driving past [REDACTED] Kapiti Lane.

Can you please let me know:

- 1. if the two signs on either side of the [REDACTED] Kapiti Lane property are official, ie erected by either KCDC and, or Greater Wellington Regional Council.***

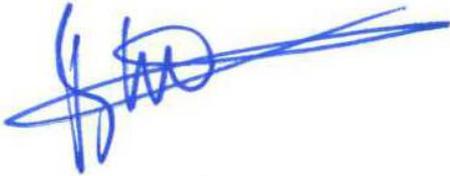
Neither KCDC nor GWRC has erected these signs.

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

2. if the signs have been erected by either KCDC or Greater Wellington Regional Council, why they have been erected when information in the signs is different to information on the KCDC webpage.

Council is currently liaising with the parties who put the sign up and are reviewing signage in the area generally to ensure that the correct messaging is being established by the appropriate parties.

Ngā mihi,



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