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Tēnā Koe Andrea

Coastal Hazards Working Group LGOIMA and coastal hazards public engagement

Thank you for your letter of 13 July 2021 regarding CCRU's previous LGOIMA request for minutes of the Coastal Hazards Working Group (CHWG), and advocating for community engagement on coastal hazard issues.

LGOIMA request for a copy of CHWG minutes

On 14 December 2020, Warwick Schaffer requested a copy of the presentation and minutes of the CHWG meetings to date. Sean Rainey's response of 1 February 2021 declined the request under sections 7(2)(c)(i) (obligation of confidence) and 7(2)(f)(i) (free and frank expression of opinions) of the LGOIMA. I can confirm that these withholding grounds apply regardless of the fact that the CHWG does not have the status of a Committee.

I re-extend the offer made in Sean's 1 February letter for a staff member to talk you through a summary of the minutes to date. I acknowledge your preference that a member of the CHWG talk you through the minutes; however this is a matter for you to raise with the relevant elected members directly.

Community engagement on coastal hazard issues

I agree that community engagement is central to successful coastal hazards adaptation planning and changes to the District Plan.

Following the Urban Development and Transport Committee's endorsement of the Coastal Hazards Adaptation Planning programme on 11 November 2020, Council held public meetings to provide residents an opportunity to learn more about the programme.

In the past six months, Council staff have engaged regularly with a range of stakeholder groups including rūnanga, school students, university students, and residents associations. Council staff are now working closely with the CHWG to plan for a significant period of city-wide engagement later this year. I am advised that staff will provide the CCRU with early information on the exact timing of this engagement period.

I note that staff have engaged regularly with CCRU over the past year, and have invited the CCRU to participate in workshops on how we will communicate Coastal Hazards Assessment information to communities. I understand that a staff offer to present to CCRU has been accepted, and dates are currently being finalised.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Baxendale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Dawn Baxendale
Chief Executive