

15 December 2022

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### **Request for information 2022-232 and 2022-233**

I refer to your above requests for information dated 1 December 2022 which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 1 December 2022. You have requested the following:

**Request 2022-232:** *“documentation / minute / or similar regarding the meeting when the decision was made by gwrc to cease the horse grazing from qep. ie. that horses where not to be grazed at qep.”*

**Request 2022-233:** *“Scientific report that gwrc relied on to make the decision regarding removing horse grazing from qep.”*

#### **Greater Wellington’s response follows:**

*Request 2022-232*

**Attachment 1** contains meeting documentation in relation to the Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan Restricted Activity Assessment for a horse trekking business in Queen Elizabeth Park (QEP).

*Request 2022-233*

The majority of the Environmental Science report is contained within the QEP horse riding and grazing FAQ document which can be found on the Greater Wellington website. The remaining pages can be found in the Appendix to the Toitū Te Whenua Restricted Activity Assessment which is also on the website in the document library.

The QEP horse riding and grazing FAQ document also contains further details about the assessment process.

- QEP horse riding and grazing changes FAQ: [www.gw.govt.nz/document/20063/queen-elizabeth-park-horse-riding-and-grazing-changes-faq](http://www.gw.govt.nz/document/20063/queen-elizabeth-park-horse-riding-and-grazing-changes-faq)
- Toitū Te Whenua Restricted Activity Assessment: [www.gw.govt.nz/document/20435/toitu-te-whenua-parks-network-plan-restricted-activity-assessment-queen-elizabeth-park-qep-horse-trekking-and-grazing](http://www.gw.govt.nz/document/20435/toitu-te-whenua-parks-network-plan-restricted-activity-assessment-queen-elizabeth-park-qep-horse-trekking-and-grazing)

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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Attachment 1

## QEP Restricted Activity assessment – Kapiti Stables

Date	Actions/ agreements	Actions
<p><u>12 September</u> at QEP</p> <p>Brendan, Gary, Toby, Krsto, Jeremy, Jimmy, Fiona</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Esci</u> written advice re Natural, RMA and Historic wetlands discussed.</li> <li>• Natural wetland rule application and how it applies to horses – more info</li> <li>• Restoration – 80ha next planting season can be any priority location in QE</li> <li>• Arrange meeting with Rachael Martin after advice re wetlands</li> <li>• Prepare written advice as discussed – Jimmy accepted and delegated advice to Fiona &amp; Jeremy</li> <li>• Discuss &amp; inform – Jimmy, Al, Darren + councillors. Comm's to assist.</li> <li>• Spring in licence area – GW to arrange temporary fencing or move all horses from this paddock in liaison with Rachael (post meeting site visit indicated about 6 horses)</li> <li>• Supporting casual horse riding:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Opening Poplar Ave entry for horse floats as soon as possible, before summer holidays on weekends as a trial</li> <li>○ Support Kapiti Pony club to remove remaining assets in this area.</li> <li>○ Contact security company for gate opening/ closure service.</li> <li>○ Signs required (e.g. <u>corflute</u> temporary)</li> <li>○ Fencing to contain horse movements from car park. Labour cost only. Check McLean Trust funds with Stephen Hill</li> <li>○ Gate / access to old farm track &amp; wetlands trail.</li> <li>○ Relocate mounting blocks, tie up rails to this area</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Master planning / future considerations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horse camping? Where, when, who manages?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Work with KCDC</li> <li>○ Pony club expressed interest in managing this</li> <li>○ Where? Poplar Ave new entry with holding <u>paddocks</u>? Could bring in porta loo's and manage as an event. Pony club licence area and old dairy or pony club <u>green</u> barn? <u>Mckays</u>? = no.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Possible future use of KPC green shed and horse trekking? <u>Esci</u> to investigate the fill paddocks for wetland extent.</li> </ul> <p><b>Related matters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellington Eventing permit – needs to consider wetland advice and relocation of jumps and route</li> </ul>	<p>Email Pam Guest re Natural wetland rules – Fiona</p> <p>Arrange meeting with Rachael-Fiona</p> <p>Prepare written advice &amp; <u>letter</u> – Fiona, Jeremy, others peer review</p> <p>Jimmy – inform Al etc</p> <p>Liaise with Rachael re spring and temporary fencing or moving horses out of paddock - Brendan/ Gary</p> <p>Poplar Ave entry preparation &amp; access improvements, signs etc - Brendan, Gary</p> <p>Check \$ for temp fencing – Jeremy</p> <p>Email <u>Esci</u> re investigation/ advice on Poplar Ave fill area and possible future uses – Fiona</p> <p>Wellington Eventing permit &amp; wetlands, water jump area – Jeremy, <u>Esci</u>, Brendan, Gary to work through options for protection</p>