21 November 2025

File Ref: OIAPR-1274023063-44461

[redacted]
By email: [redacted]

Tēnā koe [redacted]

Request for information 2025-393

I refer to your request for information dated 13 November 2025, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington). You have requested the following:

1. *"Is there any conflict of interest for AWA to be peer reviewing the Hutt River modelling at Silverstream bridge when the founder / director / main shareholder of AWA, [redacted], is also a director of The Guildford Timber Company who want a new bridge at Silverstream to cope with the increase in traffic volume expected from GTC's proposed development in UHCC's 'Southern Growth Area' that is embedded in the WRLC's Regional Housing Action Plan 2022-2027?*

2. *Make an urgent request for the DHI report "Hutt Model Upgrade – Hydraulic Modelling, DHI Water and Environment Ltd, November 2018" so I can find out how DHI calibrated the 'Upper' model to the 27 October 1998 storm and verified it to six debris marks in the 5 January 2005 storm.*

3. *Who was the consultant firm that revised the 1% AEP Pinehaven flood map?*

4. *I make an urgent request for the model build report for the revised Pinehaven Stream flood map.*

5. *Make an urgent request for clarification on whether AWA's flood depth maps in the current consultation include allowance for 'freeboard' or not.*

6. *Make an urgent request for clarification on whether T+T's Hutt River flood maps in the current consultation include allowance for 'freeboard' or not."*

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Greater Wellington's response follows:

1. *Is there any conflict of interest for AWA to be peer reviewing the Hutt River modelling at Silverstream bridge when the founder / director / main shareholder of AWA, [redacted], is also a director of The Guildford Timber Company who want a new bridge at Silverstream to cope with the increase in traffic volume expected from GTC's proposed development in UHCC's 'Southern Growth Area' that is embedded in the WRLC's Regional Housing Action Plan 2022-2027?*

   AWA were appointed to undertake the peer-review of the Hutt River model in 2019. [redacted] was not the primary reviewer, other hydraulic modellers within the organisation undertook this work. No conflicts of interest were raised. This work was completed before [redacted] was appointed director of Guildford Timber Company.

2. *Make an urgent request for the DHI report "Hutt Model Upgrade – Hydraulic Modelling, DHI Water and Environment Ltd, November 2018" so I can find out how DHI calibrated the 'Upper' model to the 27 October 1998 storm and verified it to six debris marks in the 5 January 2005 storm.*

   Please see **Attachment 1** - *Hutt Model Upgrade Report Nov 2018* this is the DHI modelling report dated November 2018.

3. *Who was the consultant firm that revised the 1% AEP Pinehaven flood map?*

   The Pinehaven flood map has not been revised. When Upper Hutt City Council (UHCC) produced Plan Change 42, shallow areas of flooding (less than 0.05m depth) were removed from the flood maps as UHCC were not proposing any planning rules associated with such shallow flooding. This is the extent currently shown in the flood hazard area on Greater Wellington's website.

4. *I make an urgent request for the model build report for the revised Pinehaven Stream flood map.*

   As outlined above, the Pinehaven flood map has not been revised.

5. *Make an urgent request for clarification on whether AWA's flood depth maps in the current consultation include allowance for 'freeboard' or not.*

   Greater Wellington is transferring this part of your request to Wellington Water Limited pursuant to section 12 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on the basis that this information is not held by Greater Wellington but is more likely to be held by Wellington Water Limited.

   Further correspondence will therefore come directly to you from Wellington Water Limited on this matter. In this regard, the 20 working daytime limit for providing you with a substantive response will begin the day after Wellington Water Limited receives this transfer.

6. *Make an urgent request for clarification on whether T+T's Hutt River flood maps in the current consultation include allowance for 'freeboard' or not*

   Greater Wellington's Hutt River mapping shown in the current consultation includes freeboard.

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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 appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Additional information

Greater Wellington values being an open and transparent local government organisation and believes that access to information is a public right. We endeavour to respond to requests for information fulsomely and in a timely manner. However, the frequency, volume and amount of information you have recently requested is significantly impacting Greater Wellington and its officers' abilities to carry out their functions and duties. Therefore, we are advising you that we will consider our options in responding to your future requests in accordance with the Act, including charging you for the supply of information.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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