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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### **Request for information 2023-130**

I refer to your request for information dated 19 May 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 19 May 2023. You have requested the following:

*“Kia ora*

*In relation to the wastewater announcement by the South Wairarapa District Council on Friday 12 May 2023, link of announcement - <https://swdc.govt.nz/announcement-on-martinborough-wastewater-treatment-plant-connections/> ...*

*...Under the Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, please may I request the following relating to wastewater:*

- 1. When was the first date of notice to the South Wairarapa District Council of non-compliance; and*
- 2. When was the first date of notice of abatement for Martinborough to the South Wairarapa District Council.”*

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

*When was the first date of notice to the South Wairarapa District Council of non-compliance?*

South Wairarapa District Council (South Wairarapa) were first given notice of non-compliance with WAR120258 in 2017. The notice was provided in hard copy letter form to South Wairarapa as the consent holder, therefore the exact date that the letter was sent by Greater Wellington and received by South Wairarapa is not known. We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) on the basis that the information requested is not held by Greater Wellington and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation. However, our system shows that the word document for this letter was last modified on 17 November 2017.

This notice was provided as part of the annual compliance assessment conducted by Greater Wellington, covering the period April 2016 to December 2016. WAR120258 commenced on 13 April 2016, therefore this annual compliance report only covered a partial year. The non-compliances related to some exceedances of water quality monitoring results which occurred in samples taken on 24/05/2016 and 20/06/2016.

*When was the first date of notice of abatement for Martinborough to the South Wairarapa District Council?*

Greater Wellington served Wellington Water Limited and South Wairarapa with Abatement Notices A1019 and A1020, respectively, on 15 August 2022. Wellington Water Limited operate the Martinborough Wastewater Treatment Plant on behalf of South Wairarapa and were therefore considered a jointly responsible party for the non-compliances associated with resource consent WAR120258.

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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