

10 March 2026

File Ref: OIAPR-1274023063-48041

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Request for information 2026-064

I refer to your request for information dated 14 February 2026, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 17 February 2026. You have requested the following:

“1. What was the cost of the clearance works undertaken by the GWRC at the Waimeha stream mouth on Monday 9 February.

2. What explanation or analysis can be provided for the substantial increase in cost of works at Waimeha in July 2025. Was the same contractor involved as in previous years or had the work been tendered.

3. What consultation with KCDC or others has been undertaken specifically in respect of the loss of public amenity arising from the practical consequences of the GWRC changed management practice.”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

I have provided the information you have requested as detailed below.

“1. What was the cost of the clearance works undertaken by the GWRC at the Waimeha stream mouth on Monday 9 February;”

\$2,101.57 (including GST)

“2. What explanation or analysis can be provided for the substantial increase in cost of works at Waimeha in July 2025. Was the same contractor involved as in previous years or had the work been tendered.”

Greater Wellington’s Earthworks, Civils and Heavy Machinery supplier panel commenced on 1 July 2025 and a supplier on this panel completed the July 2025 work. Greater Wellington ran an open tender process to establish the supplier panel.

The cost of completing the work in July 2025 was higher than earlier work for a number of reasons including:

- Higher costs to transport the equipment to the work site due to the location of the supplier
- Higher costs to hire the equipment
- More labour costs to complete and supervise the work, advise on job specific health and safety and overheads.

“3. What consultation with KCDC or others has been undertaken specifically in respect of the loss of public amenity arising from the practical consequences of the GWRC changed management practice.”

Greater Wellington has not undertaken consultation specifically in respect to public amenity at the Waimeha mouth with Kāpiti Coast District Coast or others recently. The Greater Wellington Code of Practice for river management activities does not support cutting the mouth for public amenity reasons.

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.

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.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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