

10 July 2024

OIA-674_675

Tena koe [REDACTED]

Response to your information requests - Western Hills Main Sewer

Thank you for your requests of 24 and 27 April 2024 asking for information held by Wellington Water related to the Western Hills Main Sewer:

1. *All:*
 - a. *correspondence,*
 - b. *documents, memos, briefings, reports, aide memoire relating to the Hutt Valley pipe*
2. *All advice Wellington Water has provided to Hutt City, Upper Hutt Council and Waka Kotahi*
3. *All documents, memos, briefings, reports, aide memoire relating to issues with the pipe*
4. *All correspondence relating to issues relating to the pipe over the past five years including:*
 - a. *the correspondence between Wellington Water and Riverlink Alliance when the latest issue with the pipe was found (ref 15/3/2024)*
 - b. *All documents relating to contingency plans for the pipe collapsing*
 - c. *All documents relating to the likelihood of the pipe collapsing*
 - d. *All documents relating to the impact of the pipe collapsing*
 - e. *All correspondence about the pipe collapsing with Waka Kotahi, Hutt City and Upper Hutt City Councils (ref 15/3/2024)*
 - f. *All documents relating to the cost of fixing the pipe both where it is damaged at Taita Rock and in Melling*

Your request is answered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

Your request for all correspondence relating to the Hutt Valley pipe– (1a) and (4) is refused, as allowed by section 17(f) of the Act – this information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Your request for documents, memos, briefings, reports and aide memoires relating to the Hutt Valley Pipe (1b, 3,4b, 4c, 4d and 4f) are listed in the attached appendix and attached to

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this response. They have not been individually itemised as you have requested because the documents in scope provided cover many facets of the same subject.

Information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 7(2)(a) – *privacy*
- 7(2)(b)(ii) – *prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information*

In accordance with section 7(1) of the Act, we do not consider the withholding of information under the respective section(s) 7 of the Act is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

The information to respond to your requests (2), 4(a) and 4(e) is still being evaluated and taking longer than anticipated. This information will be provided to you as soon as practicable.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decision to release this information. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

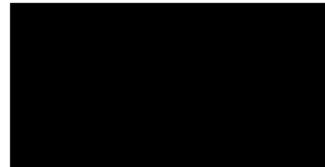
Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/about-us/official-requests/official-information-act-responses/> with your personal information removed.


If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email us at official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz

Nāku noa, nā




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APPENDIX

Documents in scope of requests 1a, 4b, 4c, 4d & 4f:

1a. documents, memos, briefings, reports, aide memoire relating to the Hutt Valley pipe

4b. All documents relating to contingency plans for the pipe collapsing

4c. All documents relating to the likelihood of the pipe collapsing

4d. All documents relating to the impact of the pipe collapsing

4f. All documents relating to the cost of fixing the pipe both where it is damaged at Taita Rock and in Melling

Document date	Subject
2022 March 31	Memo WW Hutt River Erosion Adjacent Strategic Wastewater Main
2022 April 22	Memo: GWRC Hutt River Erosion adjacent strategic Wastewater Main
2022 July 7	3WDMC Taita Rock Wastewater Pipeline contingency and Protection Plan
2022 November 22	Safety in Design HS Risk Assessment Western Hills Main Sewer Renewal – Urgent
2022 September 6	Activity Brief: Taita Rock WW Pipe Protection
2023 January 31	Activity Brief: Western Hutt Trunk Sewer Renewal
2024 April 8	Memo: Condition Assessment of WH SH2 Trunk main pipe assets
2024 April 12	Riverlink WW model assessments WHMS value engineering
2024 May 2	Activity Brief: Western Hills Main Sewer renewal – urgent
2024 May 15	WHMS Operational Response Plan

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From: [Official Information](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: OIA-674_675 [REDACTED] re WHMS response attached
Date: Thursday, 11 July 2024 12:14:25 pm
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

I am happy to provide you with the response letter and information collated to date – this is accessible as a [drop box link](#) due to the number and size of the documents.

The dropbox link is password protected: blueberry8

The remainder of the information in scope of your request is in process and will be provided to you as soon as practicable. Your patience is appreciated.

Regards

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