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Alan Waller



Dear Alan Waller

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (the Act) 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 26 February 2024 for information regarding costing to rebuild Petone Wharf.

Answer:

The cost for the rebuild of Petone Wharf as included in the 2023/24 Annual Plan is \$23.9M with the project planned for 2029/30 to 2031/32. This was based on the original estimate of \$21M that was included in the 2021/31 Long Term Plan plus an allowance for inflation because of moving the project out to later years, to arrive at \$23.9M.

As part of the preparation of the Draft 2024/34 Long Term Plan Council has decided not to fund a rebuild of the wharf due to financial pressures and the increased cost and felt that the limited amenity value of the wharf is no longer the best use of a significant investment in Petone.

In 2022 Council costed three preferred options for the rebuild of Petone Wharf. Unfortunately, none could be delivered within the \$23M budget.

An amount of \$6M has been included in the Draft 2024/34 Long Term Plan for its demolition. Council have also included in the Draft 2024/34 Long Term Plan significant amounts for improvements to Petone Grandstand and Petone Library. Council will be seeking feedback on these decisions as part of the Draft 2024/34 Long Term Plan consultation process.

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



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Yours sincerely

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