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Ken Remond



Dear Ken Remond

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

We refer to your email dated 13 October 2024 for:

*Was there a competitive tendering process for the fencing and landscaping of the area now known as Whiorau Reserve or are the costs part of the shared pathway project. I would like to know the cost associated with the upgrading of Whiorau Reserve.*

**Response:**

The fence was self-performed by the Te Ara Tupua Alliance who were procured to deliver the Tupua Horo Nuku project on behalf of Hutt City Council.

The cost for the fence in Whiorau Reserve is covered under project budgets, established in alignment with consent condition EM.1(i) and EM.6C. Works in Whiorau Reserve is still under the control of the Te Ara Tupua Alliance.

Until the asset has been handed back to Hutt City Council, the final cost for the fence is outstanding, and deemed commercial and contractually sensitive. As such we are withholding the cost of the fence at Whiorau Reserve under Section 7(2)h of the Act, where withholding of the information is necessary to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.



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Yours sincerely

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