



6 March 2024

Matthew Mallett



Dear Matthew Mallett

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

We refer to your official information request dated 6 February 2024 for information regarding the Bird Protection Area at Rona beach in Eastbourne. We will answer each of your questions in turn.

- 1. The names and qualifications of all kororā experts/persons from whom HCC has taken advice in respect of the BPA.*

The qualifications held by kororā experts/persons employed by Te Ara Tupua Alliance for Tupua Horo Nuku are in line with those defined by the Department of Conservation. The names of these individuals have been withheld under section 7(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons. With respect to the information that has been withheld, we do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available beyond what is publicly available.

- 2. Copies of any reports/advice provided by those kororā experts.*

Reports and advice considered during the consenting process for Tupua Horo Nuku can be found within the GWRC document library. Notable documents addressing consultation on the impacts to avifauna and associated mitigations can be found in the following locations:

Meeting of penguin experts –

<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Appendix-C-Penguin-Expert-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>



Mitigation Options - <https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/App-D-Mitigation-Options.pdf>

DOC Feedback - <https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/DOC-Comments-Eastern-Bays-Shared-Path.pdf>

GWRC Feedback -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Comments-from-Roger-Uys-2nd-May.pdf>

Proposed BPA maps -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Email-Maps-Oyster-catchers-and-penguins-merged.pdf>

Review by Roger Uys -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Appendix-E-Roger-Uys-Expert-Review.pdf>

Review by John Cockrem -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Annexure-1-Avifauna-and-Penguins-J-Cockrem-Report.pdf>

Review by Mike Rumble -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Rumble-Little-Penguins-7-Dec-20.pdf>

Submission from John Cockrem -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Cockrem-EIC-avifauna.pdf>

Rebuttal Submission from John Cockrem -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Cockrem-Rebuttal-Evidence-14-Dec-2020.pdf>

Summary of Evidence from John Cockrem -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Hearing-Doc-SP.12-HCC-Applicant-Dr-John-Cockrem-Summary-of-Evidence-15.12.2020.pdf>

Submission from Mike Rumble -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Hearing-Doc-SP.22-Submitter-Mike-Rumble-Powepoint-Presentation-16.12.2020.pdf>

Submission from Amelia Geary -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Hearing-Doc-SP.20->

Submitter-Royal-Forest-and-Bird-Amelia-Geary-Written-Statement-16.12.2020.pdf

Rebuttal Submission from Roger Uys -

<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Hearing-Doc-SP.38-GWRC-Regulatory-Dr-Roger-Uys-Rebuttal-Evidence-17.12.2020.pdf>

- 3. Copies of any community/resident impact reports commissioned by HCC addressing the implications for residents if kororā and/or other Aves establish themselves at Rona Bay beach (including, in particular, as regards noise and smell).*

There are currently a large number and variety of avifauna established at Rona Bay beach. Discussion of the impacts of an increase to this population can be found in the evidence listed previously.

- 4. Copies of any community/resident impact reports regarding implications for the use and enjoyment of Bishop Park, Rona Bay beach and the dune area arising from the proposed BPA.*

An impact report on the recreational impacts of Tupua Horo Nuku entitled *Appendix K – Recreation Assessment* can be found within the GWRC document library - <https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/App-K-Recreation-Assessment-Lodgement.pdf>

and is supported by the following statement of evidence -

<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Greenaway-EIC-recreation-and-amenity-values.pdf>

- 5. Details of any public consultation undertaken in respect of the establishment of the BPA at Rona Bay beach.*

Public consultation was undertaken throughout the consenting process for Tupua Horo Nuku, documentation of which can be found within the GWRC document library. Notable documents addressing consultation on the establishment of Bird Protection Areas can be found in the following locations:

Stakeholder engagement and Consultation Report -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/App-I-Stakeholder-Engagement-and-Consultation-Report.pdf>

Feedback form requesting views from local residents -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/App-I-Detailed-Business-Case-Consultation-Report-Appendix-C-Feedback-Form-and-FAQs.pdf>

Media releases requesting further feedback -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/11/App-I-Detailed-Business-Case-Consultation-Report-Appendix-B-Media-Releases.pdf>

Meeting notes from public meetings -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/App-I-Detailed-Business-Case-Consultation-Report-Appendix-G-Meeting-Notes.pdf>

Summary of Submissions -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Eastern-Bays-Shared-Path-Summary-of-Submissions-14-02-2020-1.pdf>

Minutes of Third Hearing Panel -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Minute-3-Hearing-Panel-Eastern-Bays-Shared-Path-29.01.2021.pdf>

Response to Third Hearing Panel -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Applicant-response-to-Minute-3-5.02.2021.pdf>

Comparison of consent conditions following the Hearing Panels -  
<https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Applicant-response-to-Minute-3-EM.1-EM.9-side-by-side-Ecological-Management-conditions-30-Nov-2020-version-and-5-Feb-2021-version.pdf>

## *6. Details as to the budgeted cost of the proposed BPA*

As stated in resource consent conditions **EM.6B to EM6E** the Consent Holder shall provide \$300,000 to establish the protection areas in accordance with the Bird Protection Plan (BPP) with an additional of \$6,000 per year for the duration of the consents for the ongoing management of these protection areas.

7. *Copies of the proposed maintenance plan and budgeted annual costs associated with the ongoing maintenance of the proposed BPA area (including, in particular, maintenance of the proposed fence).*

Please see the previous answer.

8. *Copies of any reports addressing the appropriateness of the area and the implications of the king tides that regularly encroach on the dunes.*

Details of this assessment is contained within the reports listed under Question 2 of this response.

9. *Copies of all reports considering alternative sites to the Rona Bay site (including, in particular, any consideration, analysis and decision-making rationale with regard to potential kororā sites South of the Eastbourne bus barns).*

Details of this assessment is contained within the reports listed under Question 2 of this response.

10. *Details of HCC's intentions if the BPA is not successful and kororā do not establish themselves there (e.g., will the fence be removed, and use and enjoyment of the area returned to the status quo). What is the timeframe for this?*

HCC will comply with the consent conditions set out in EM.2 and EM.8. These conditions do not contemplate the removal of the Bird Protection Area at Bishop Park.

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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