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Grant Birkenshaw

By email: grant.birkinshaw@gmail.com

Dear Grant Birkenshaw

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 25 June 2020 where you ask the following:

1. If there was knowledge of the MoU for consultation, why were they not consulted in May 2019 regarding the Wainuiomata Tip ?
2. Who's responsibility was it to consult with Ngati Toa? Helen Oram or Prevati Rotherham? Whoever it was, overall responsibility lies with the CEO. Is this correct ?
3. Ms Rotherham said in evidence, that WRC consulted with Ngati Toa and this was enough. This is not true. I would like the HCC or their consultants legal team to try to justify this under the RMA.
4. Am I backlisted from meeting or communicating with the CEO? She refused to meet me when this was first raised and has since closed down all communication.
5. How much did the Council spend on the Wainuiomata Tip application, including the hearing, both staff time and outside consultant costs.
6. What is the CEO's salary band, including expenses?

Our response is as follows:

1. The Wainuiomata Cleanfill site is not in a statutory acknowledgement area, therefore there was no formal consultation under the RMA.
2. The Wainuiomata Cleanfill site is not in a statutory acknowledgement area, therefore there was no formal consultation under the RMA.
3. Evidence was supplied at the RMA hearing on this matter, and you were party to this evidence.
4. No. The Chief Executive does not operate a 'blacklist'. She also has communicated with you in the past as recent as 2 July.
5. The resource consent fees for the Wainuiomata Cleanfill were \$94,667.98.
The amount of money spent on the Wainuiomata Cleanfill application was \$133,465.97.
6. This information is publically available and can be found on page 137 [here](#). To note: Jo took a voluntary 10% pay reduction effective from 24 March for 15 months in light of the effects of Covid 19.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [details of contact person].

Yours sincerely

[Name]

Encl List documents enclosed