

From: Information Management Team
Sent: Thursday, 23 December 2021 4:52 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: LGOIMA - [REDACTED] re Quarry

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 15 December 2021.

Please find attached Hutt City Council's response to your email.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 15 December 2021 12:14 PM
To: Information Management Team <informationmanagementteam@huttcity.govt.nz>
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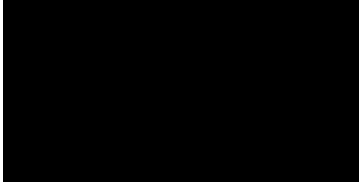
Thank you for the reply , a few issues

I have no recollections of anyone measuring the blast on my property on 3/4/2017.
The planned measuring undertaken on 28/9/21 was so quiet that if I had not known they were blasting I would not have even recognised it as a blast rather than a truck bus or trailer bouncing past.

Is this standard that has been set applicable to all rock formations ?

Given we are on old river ground can the blasts have a cumulative effect ? My house shakes
Has the GNS report " It's our Fault " been taken into consideration

22 December 2021



Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

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

We refer to your correspondence dated 15 December 2021, in which you requested further information about vibration standards relating to Belmont Quarry's activities.

Hutt City Council is unable to find documentation relating to vibration measuring at your property on 3 April 2017. I recommend that you ask Belmont Quarry if it undertook this testing.

Damage to dwellings is unlikely to occur until vibrations reach at least 5-10mm/s. It is therefore unlikely that any vibration you are experiencing from the quarry's activities would affect your house foundations. Any damage to your foundations could be age-related or caused by other factors, such as the local earthquake activity that has occurred over the past few years. I suggest you discuss your concerns directly with Belmont Quarry or engage a geotechnic engineer to advise you.

You have asked if GNS's research under 'It's our Fault' project is relevant. This research relates to the Wellington region broadly but is not specific to individual properties or localised areas, nor to damage that may be associated with the quarry's activities.

I can confirm that the vibration rules that apply to Belmont Quarry under section 6D2.1.1 (e) of the District Plan apply to all geomorphic formations. Hutt City Council recently commenced a review of its District Plan as it relates to quarrying and heavy industry, and I encourage you to engage in the public process associated with this later in 2022.

I regret that Hutt City Council is unable to provide you with further information in response to your concerns. Should you want more detail on vibration standards, including potential cumulative effects, you may want to contact Standards New Zealand (www.standards.govt.nz) through the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (www.mbie.govt.nz/).

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

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'P' followed by a series of connected loops and a long horizontal tail.

Parvati Rotherham
Head of Planning