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Neil Heslop

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Tēnā koe Neil,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 5 November 2025, seeking information relating to the seismic performance and earthquake-prone status of the property at 119 Queens Drive, Lower Hutt. Specifically, you requested:

1. *Seismic assessment documents:*

- *Initial Seismic Assessments (ISA)*
- *Detailed Seismic Assessments (DSA)*
- *Engineering reports relating to seismic strength or %NBS*
- *Any peer review reports or strengthening reports provided to Council*

2. *Earthquake-Prone Building (EPB) determination:*

- *Any notices, communications, or decisions under the Building Act*
- *Any timeframes or requirements for strengthening works*
- *Records of whether the building has been formally identified as EPB*

3. *Building and compliance information:*

- *Relevant building consent files where structural/seismic information was submitted*
- *BWOF or compliance schedule information that relates to seismic capacity*



4. Council internal records:

- Any internal correspondence, memos, or notes relating to seismic assessment or earthquake-prone review of this site

**Answer:**

Council does not hold any seismic assessment documents, %NBS ratings, or earthquake-prone building determinations for this property. As such, we are refusing your request under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA because the information does not exist.

For context, the building was constructed in 1988 and falls outside the profile categories outlined in section 1.2.1 of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) Earthquake-Prone Building methodology. These categories generally apply to older buildings or those with specific risk factors, which do not include this property.

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: [Office of the Ombudsman - Complaints](#), or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Ngā mihi nui



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