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Tēnā koe Dimitri

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

We refer to your official information request dated 12 July 2022 for:

*“...all documentation held by the Hutt City Council in relation to its procedures for the remediation of weathertightness-damaged properties which have resulted in New Zealand Building Code failure, as from 1 January 2013 onwards.*

*This includes, but is not limited to, any policy, procedures, guidelines or practice notes:*

- *relating to the assessment and processing of building consent applications for re-cladding weathertightness-damaged properties;*
- *relating to the assessment and management of timber remediation proposals and remedial works proposals received from building surveyors;*
- *covering all stages of the Council's involvement, including the consenting, inspection and issuance of Code Compliance Certificate.*

As a Building Consent Authority (BCA), Hutt City Council is required to comply with regulatory requirements set out in the Building Act 2004, relevant regulations and the Resource Management Act (RMA) 1992. Processing, inspections, lapsing and refusal of building consents, and certifying code compliance certificates, follow procedures that ensure these regulatory requirements are met. They also ensure that all technical functions are carried out by technically competent employees or contractors.

Hutt City Council does not have specific procedures for the remediation of weathertightness-damage. Any building work that is being undertaken to remediate damage caused by weathertightness failure follows the same council processes and policies as that applied for other building work, improvements and repairs. Guidance material relating to these is available on the council's website under 'Property and Building' then under the 'Building Consents' tab.

Hutt City Council has a quality management system in place that is audited by IANZ.

I refer you to the property search function on our website (see [www.huttcity.govt.nz/property-and-building/search-property-and-building](http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/property-and-building/search-property-and-building)) if you want to view existing consenting documents associated with [REDACTED].

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

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

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sales', written in a cursive style.

Susan Sales  
**Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy**