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Joan McGrath
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Tēnā koe Joan

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

We refer to your official information request dated 28 December 2021 for the beach maintenance schedule for removing driftwood from Petone Beach.

Hutt City Council does not have a set schedule for grooming works on Petone Beach, so your request for this schedule is refused under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA, on the grounds that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

In order to provide you with further context, Petone Beach is only groomed on a request/ad hoc basis under the Council's reserve contract. It is only arranged when required.

The last grooming of Petone Beach was arranged following the Wellington storm event in early December 2021. This work could not be undertaken immediately due to contractor availability but was completed in late January 2022.

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 may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā



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