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Dear Craig

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

We refer to your two official information requests dated 24 April 2025 for the following:

- Please provide the authorship details for all Section 32 reports for the Proposed District Plan aside from the Sites of Significance to Maori report requested separately.
- Please provide the details of who authored the Section 32 Report for Sites of Significance to Maori for the Proposed District Plan.
- Please provide all drafts and correspondence for this report.

**Answer:**

The following information is in response to your requests for information on the authorship details for Section 32 reports for the Proposed District Plan.

Section 32 reports are reports adopted by Council, and do not have a specific author.

Typically, multiple people will contribute to the preparation of Council's section 32 reports.

However, the following table lists Council's section 32 reports for its Proposed District Plan with the name of the lead(s) for each report.

<b>Report</b>	<b>Lead(s)</b>
Section 32 Evaluation – General Report and Strategic Directions	Kathleen Haylock (Principal Policy Planner) Nathan Geard (Policy Planning Manager)
Section 32 Evaluation – Infrastructure	Peter McDonald (Senior Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Renewable Electricity Generation	Kathleen Haylock (Principal Policy Planner) Peter McDonald (Senior Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Three Waters	Urban Edge Planning (contractors)
Section 32 Evaluation – Transport	Peter McDonald (Senior Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Contaminated Land	Nathan Geard (Policy Planning Manager)
Section 32 Evaluation – Hazardous Substances	Boffa Miskell (contractors)
Section 32 Evaluation – Natural and Coastal Hazards	Urban Edge Planning (contractors)
Section 32 Evaluation – Historical Heritage	Boffa Miskell (contractors)
Section 32 Evaluation – Notable Trees	Cristal Bennett (Senior Pou Whakamahere Kaupapa Here)
Section 32 Evaluation – Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori	Boffa Miskell (contractors) Cristal Bennett (Senior Pou Whakamahere Kaupapa Here)
Section 32 Evaluation – Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity	Peter McDonald (Senior Policy Planner)

Section 32 Evaluation – Natural Character	Urban Edge Planning (contractors)
Section 32 Evaluation – Natural Features and Landscapes	Urban Edge Planning (contractors)
Section 32 Evaluation – Public Access	Urban Edge Planning (contractors)
Section 32 Evaluation – Subdivision	Urban Edge Planning (contractors)
Section 32 Evaluation – Activities on the Surface of Water	Sean Bellamy (Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Coastal Environment	Urban Edge Planning (contractors)
Section 32 Evaluation – Earthworks	Urban Edge Planning (contractors)
Section 32 Evaluation – Financial Contributions	Peter McDonald (Senior Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Light	Stephen Davis (Senior Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Noise	Stephen Davis (Senior Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Papakāinga	Cristal Bennett (Senior Pou Whakamahere Kaupapa Here)
Section 32 Evaluation – Signs	Sean Bellamy (Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Temporary Activities	Stephen Davis (Senior Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Wind	Peter McDonald (Senior Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Residential Zones	Boffa Miskell (contractors) Kathleen Haylock (Principal Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Rural Zones	Sean Bellamy (Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Commercial and Mixed Use Zones	Stephen Davis (Senior Policy Planner)

Section 32 Evaluation – Industrial Zones	Stephen Davis (Senior Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Open Space and Recreation Zones	Sean Bellamy (Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Hospital Zone	Peter McDonald (Senior Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Marae Zone	Boffa Miskell (contractors) Cristal Bennett (Senior Pou Whakamahere Kaupapa Here)
Section 32 Evaluation – Quarry Zone	Sean Bellamy (Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Seaview Marina Zone	Stephen Davis (Senior Policy Planner)
Section 32 Evaluation – Tertiary Education	Peter McDonald (Senior Policy Planner)

The section 32 evaluation reports were presented to the Council’s District Plan Review Committee through a meeting of the Committee on Wednesday 4 December 2024.

The agenda for that Committee meeting is available [here](#). The minutes are available [here](#).

At that Committee meeting, the Committee resolved to recommend to the Council that it endorses the content of the Section 32 Evaluation Reports that have been prepared for the Proposed District Plan.

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I am refusing the part of your request for ‘*all drafts and correspondence for this report*’ under section 7(f)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987. This is to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority in the course of their duty.

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Yours sincerely

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