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Matthew Young
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Tēnā koe Matthew

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

We refer to your official information request dated 1 July 2022 for information about the timbers used in the Petone Wharf project. Specifically you have asked to be provided with all information that Hutt City Council holds on these timbers including invoices, importer, supply chain, origin/provenance etc.

The timber for the Petone Wharf project is left over from the recent renewal of Days Bay wharf. In total, approximately 180m of 300x50mm of timber is in storage. The purchase costs for the timber were approximately \$300 per 6.1m length. The timber was procured by the lead contractor for that work (for more detail see: www.fletcherconstruction.co.nz/projects/three-waters-marine/days-bay-wharf-refurbishment).

The timber being used on the wharves is Greenheart and was grown in Guyana, South America. It is new timber and is suitable for use on wharves as bracing, stringers, walers and capping beams. The timber is sourced as certified PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes) or FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) timber.

As the wharf work is contracted to a third party, Hutt City Council does not hold detailed information relating to the purchase of the timber, such as invoices and identity of the importer. Your request for this is therefore refused under section 17(g), on the grounds that the information requested is not held by us and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another government agency or party.

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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