



13 May 2025

Nicola Bray

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Dear Nicola

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

We refer to your official information request dated 14 April 2025:

1. *"Could you please advise what is meant by " further development opportunities" on Hautana Square referred to in the email exchange of 26 Feb /4 March 2024 Anna Gibbs of Stantec/Corryn Elliot HCC (provided in response to a LGOIMA on 19 February 2025) and provide any reports or emails etc which refer to these opportunities. Also, could you please provide any information you hold about the "additional opportunities" identified on site 4 (Hautana Square) as referred to in Anna Gibbs' email of 26 February 2024.*
2. *Could you please provide any recent (2025) reports, emails, advice or other information received by HCC from Wellington Water Limited or its contractors regarding the results of investigative drilling on Hautana Square, any recommendations or proposals therein regarding the installation of a well on the square, and any response from HCC to WWL or its contractors."*

Answer:

1. The reference to "further opportunities" in correspondence from Anna Gibbs refers to improvements to enhance or activate the reserve. Hautana square is a large space however there maybe opportunities to enhance the reserve by installing further planting or park furniture. Hautana Square is designated as a recreation reserve and due to its location falls under

the [Neighbourhood Reserves Management Plan](#).

2. There has been no update on the drilling investigation results, but we've been advised a meeting will be held once they are available.

We confirm that Hautana Square is a Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977. If Wellington Water confirms it as the preferred site for the water bore, further investigation and public notification would be required to determine the appropriate legal instrument and allow for public submissions on the proposal.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Yours sincerely

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