



26 March 2024

Peter Smith



Dear Peter Smith

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

We refer to your request dated 27 February 2024 for:

*We request information held by the HCC in respect of the historical existence of Koreru in the Bishop Park dune area, the intension of HCC and or GWRC to relocate Koreru in the dune area to Bishop Park, the suitability of the dune area to Bishop Park for establishing a BPA for Koreru, the extent of HCC's investigation of residents use and enjoyment of the dune area and the reason for the establishing of the BPA outside the area of the resource consent for the Tapua Horo Nuku shared pathway and a copy of all safety studies for the mixed use proposed for the shared pathway, particularly at Days Bay, the intersection of Marine Parade and Muratai Rd.*

We will answer each of your questions in turn.

**Response:**

- 1. We request information held by the HCC in respect of the historical existence of Koreru in the Bishop Park dune area.*
- Historic data is held by DoC but is patchy as there has not been this level of concerted expert attention monitoring the population of the area previously.
  - iNaturalist data has captured six kororā in Bishop's Park in the last 8 years.



2. *The intension of HCC and or GWRC to relocate Koreru in the dune area to Bishop Park.*

- The BPA at Bishop Park is not intended as a translocation site for kororā.
- The BPAs are intended to replace nesting opportunities for all seashore foragers that have been lost through the construction of the shared path.

3. *The suitability of the dune area to Bishop Park for establishing a BPA for Koreru.*

- This site was discussed by ecologist and ornithologists who agreed that the site had merit as a BPA
  - <https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/Appendix-C-Penguin-Expert-Meeting-Minutes.pdf> and <https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/App-D-Mitigation-Options.pdf>

4. *The extent of HCC's investigation of residents use and enjoyment of the dune area and the reason for the establishing of the BPA outside the area of the resource consent for the Tapua Horo Nuku shared pathway.*

- The “area of the resource consent for THN” is in reference to the area of construction. The ecological mitigations for the project are not confined to the same footprint by the resource consents. Instead, the most appropriate mitigation sites were chosen from those available within the Eastern Bays.
- Recreational assessment can be found here
  - <https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2022/03/App-K-Recreation-Assessment-Lodgement.pdf>

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

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Yours sincerely

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