

To whom it may concern,

I refer to your official information request we received on 14 February 2024 requesting the following:

“A copy of all correspondence that the Kaikoura District Council – including but not limited to Mayor Craig Mackle – has had with Ngai Tahu, the Peketa Beach Holiday Park operators, and other relevant parties (e.g Kaikoura's MP, Peketa residents etc) regarding uncertainty with the campground's future, and Ngai Tahu declining a lease renewal to the leasees?

A copy of correspondence the Kaikoura District Council – including but not limited to Mayor Craig Mackle – had with Ngai Tahu and other relevant parties, regarding closures of other camp-sites in the area – in which Ngai Tahu is the landowners.

Confirmation of how long as the Kaikoura District Council been aware of the wastewater issues with the Peketa Beach land , which Ngai Tahu references as reason for the lease non-renewal.

Correspondence District Council has had with landowners Ngai Tahu, regarding said wastewater infrastructure. I have had correspondence with the Ngai Tahu natural environment team, not with Ngai Tahu as landowners. See attached email.

Further, has council provided any funding/financial assistance, or considered offering funding/financial assistance, in order to bring the water infrastructure up to compliant standards? Not to my knowledge”.

Release of information

The information you have requested is as below.

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Kaikōura District Council (including Mayor Craig Mackle) does not have any written correspondence with Ngai Tahu. Section 17 (e) applies – that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

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In the last 3 years; Kaikōura District Council was initially approached by a consultant seeking information for an options and costs study.

Correspondence District Council has had with landowners Ngai Tahu, regarding said wastewater infrastructure.

Kaikōura District Council has had correspondence with the Ngai Tahu natural environment team, not with Ngai Tahu as landowners. Email correspondence attached between Ngai Tahu Natural Environment team and Kaikōura District Council 3 Waters Engineer, with personal details redacted for privacy.

Further, has council provided any funding/financial assistance, or considered offering funding/financial assistance, in order to bring the water infrastructure up to compliant standards?

Kaikōura District Council does not have any knowledge of this.

Publication of responses to LGOIMA requests

Please note: our LGOIMA responses may be published on the Kaikōura District Council website a month after they have been responded to, with requesters' personal details withheld. If you have any concerns about this please contact the Official Information team on officialinformation@kaikoura.govt.nz

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.

Yours sincerely

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