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Via email: [fyi-request-17191-aa0263de@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-17191-aa0263de@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Brian

**Official information request for further information related to determining alignment of Mean High Water Springs (MHWS)**

I refer to your official information request dated 14 October 2021.

The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following.

**In response to my previous request (30 Sept 2021), Porirua City Council has advised that:**

- **MHWS was determined to be 0.7. above mean water level;**
- **the information was used in the consent application; and,**
- **the "Eduction method" was used to determine the alignment of MHWS.**

**1. Further to this, please provide me with all the information PCC has relied upon to provide me with this advice.**

This information has previously been supplied as part of OIA 21-033. It can be found on Page 104 in the document Titled "REDACTED - Resource Consent for Dune Restoration Work-Titahi Bay Beach Dune Restoration July 2011.pdf".

For your convenience this document can also be found on the Council's website here <https://porirua.govt.nz/your-council/getting-involved/request-official-information/>.

**In response to my previous request (30 Sept 2021), Porirua City Council has referred to email correspondence between PCC and Mr Iain Dawe (GWRC officer). Mr Dawe has noted that the seawall: appears to extend further seaward than the previous fence and could be considered as a reclamation. He has also referred to associated disturbance.**

**To this extent, I suggest PCC has not satisfactorily replied to my request which was:**

- **in approving the works (either as a consenting authority or as a 'landowner' or as the proponent of the proposal) did PCC undertake, or require to be undertaken, a site-specific survey to determine the location of MHWS.**
- **if PCC undertook, or required to be undertaken, such a survey what was the outcome of that.**
- **if PCC undertook, or required to be undertaken, such a survey what was method used to determine the alignment of the MHWS.**
- **if no such survey was undertaken, was that a deliberate decision or was it an oversight.**
- **if PCC didn't undertake, or required to be undertaken, an up-to-date site-specific survey, and relied upon other information about the location**

**of the MHWS what was that other information it relied upon.  
- if the omission of such a survey was a deliberate decision the  
corresponding reasons.**

I am confident that the answers provided to you as part of OIA 21-139 satisfactorily and accurately answer the questions asked.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Moana Wyatt on 04 237 1411.

Ngā mihi



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