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Tēnā koe Mr Warburton

Request for information 2022-038

I refer to your request for information dated 25 March 2022, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 25 March 2022. You have requested the following:

"Information relating to GWRC's application to the Environment Court that is the subject of this 'Interim Decision' by the Court:

<https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/2022-NZEnvC-001-Wellington-Regional-Council.pdf>

In particular:

- *A copy of GWRC's application for the declaration;*
- *A copy of all information GWRC as collated in terms of determining which parties and individuals should be consulted about the implications of its application;*
- *A copy of all information provided by GWRC to the Court to support the application, including, but not limited to, the "affirmation" by Mr Iain Dawe to which the interim decision refers; and,*
- *All the information (perhaps a schedule of the watercourses within the region) that was used by the Court to confirm: "There are over 320 river and stream mouth outlets in the Wellington Region that flow over the mean high water springs boundary. Of these, only 25 have scheduled river mouth and coastal marine area boundaries."*

Greater Wellington's response follows:

Application for the declaration

Please find attached a copy of Greater Wellington's application for the declaration:

- I. Attachment 1: Application for declaration under section 310 and an order under section 293 in relation to the definition of river 'mouth', Dated 6 October 2021.

Notified parties

The parties notified of the application included:

- Appellants to the PNRP
- RMA s274 parties joining appeals on the PNRP
- Territorial Authorities
- Minister of Conservation
- Greater Wellington Regional Council

Greater Wellington applied for and received direction from the Court that this was the appropriate group on which to serve the application. This direction can be viewed in the following documents:

- I. Attachment 2: Application for directions as to service, Dated 17 September 2021.
- II. Attachment 3: Memorandum of Counsel supporting application for directions as to service, Dated 17 September 2021.

Supporting documentation

The two following documents were submitted to support the application for the declaration

- I. Attachment 4: Memorandum of counsel supporting application for declaration and order in relation to the definition of river 'mouth', Dated 6 October 2021.
- II. Attachment 5: Affirmation of Iain Nicholas Dawe in support of section 293 application to correct error in Proposed Plan - definition of river 'mouth', Sworn 1 October 2021.

Watercourses identification

Information to calculate the approximate number of river and stream mouths in the Wellington region that enter the coastal marine area was derived from the Toitū Te Whenua | LINZ Topo50 map series contained within the Greater Wellington GIS database and checked against the Department of Conservation managed Freshwater environments of New Zealand (FENZ) database, also contained

within the Greater Wellington GIS database. The LINZ topo50 map series can be viewed online: <https://www.topomap.co.nz/>

Of these, 25 have mapped river mouth and coastal marine area boundaries and include:

1. Waitohu Stream
2. Ōtaki River
3. Waimeha Stream
4. Waikanae River
5. Taupō Stream
6. Kakaho Stream
7. Korokiri Stream
8. Pauatahanui Stream
9. Porirua Stream
10. Makara Stream
11. Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt River
12. Wainuiomata River
13. Orongorongo River
14. Ruamāhanga River
15. Opouawe River
16. Awhea River
17. Oterei River
18. Pahaoa River
19. Kaiwhata River
20. Motuwaireka River
21. Whareama River
22. Ngakauau Stream
23. Whakataki River
24. Okau Stream
25. Mataikona River

These can be viewed online in more detail in Maps 42 to 48 of the proposed Natural Resources Plan: <http://pnrp.gw.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Chapter-13-Maps-30-to-53.pdf>

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible.

Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'AC' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

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Kaiwhakahaere Matua Taiao | General Manager Environment Management