

Wednesday, 22 February 2023



Angela

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Dear Angela,

Official information request for copies of TCDC fraud policies and information on Papa Aroha blocks

I refer to your official information request dated 20th January 2023 for;

1. *Copy of TCDC's staff Code of Conduct*
2. *Confirmation of whether TCDC has a fraud policy and training in place*
3. *Copy of fraud policy and procedures*
4. *Who is responsible within TCDC for placing insolvency notices in the NZ gazette regarding abandoned land? and*
5. *Who is responsible for managing the Papa Aroha whenua blocks in the Coromandel?*

Please find attached copies of TCDC's current Code of Conduct Policy and Fraud Policy. Staff are made aware of these policies through staff inductions and the policies are available to all staff on the intranet. There are no specific additional training documents for all staff.

TCDC does not handle insolvency notices. You may wish to forward your request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. You can make an official information request on their website at <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/about/open-government-and-official-information/make-a-request-for-official-information/>

We asked for clarification on item 5 to which you responded with a further information request on 15th February 2023 for;

- *I would like every information, memo, email, held within the records held by the coromandel district council that pertains to my ancestral whenua and the names of those dealing with;
An RV Hovell was signing off on my great grandmother's paperwork, and now this mans family have this whenua, by way of fraud and conversion of living people; I want everything you have about those blocks*

It is difficult to determine from your request what information you are specifically interested in. Searching and collating all information held relating to Papa Aroha will provide you with many irrelevant documents, not only that, but it would also take substantial research and collation from our staff, significantly impacting other work duties. We therefore ask that you refine your request to what information, specifically, you are interested in. Some ways in which you can refine your request are;

- Identifying certain roads, reserves, properties for us to search
- Providing a time to which the information may best relate,
- Identifying the subject matter such as building and RMA consenting, building complaints, bylaw complaints, council owned land
- Types of communication such as internal emails, contractor reports, external communications

The more specific you can be the better chance we have to answer your request accurately, it also reduces the possibility of lengthy time extensions and charges. If we have not received a response from you by Wednesday 15th March 2023 the request will be refused under section 17(f) of the LGOIMA, that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research. Any request received after that date will be accepted as a new request.

For information on land titles you may wish to enquire with LINZ

<https://www.linz.govt.nz/contact-us>

It is also our recommendation that you seek your own legal advice regarding the other matters raised in your requests.

If you want to discuss this decision further, please feel free to contact

legal.assistant@tcdc.govt.nz

Kind Regards,



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