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Kia ora Howard

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 22 April 2023. You requested the following information:

- Can you please provide me with the qualifications by the name and job title of each staff member and all their managers for the teams that worked on the faulty streetlights?

**The job title and qualification for staff members that worked on the streetlights:**

Job title	Qualification
Team Leader Transport Infrastructure*	Refused**
Project Engineer Street Lighting*	BETech. Elect. AssocIES

\*Former staff members of Council.

\*\*The former Team Leader was an engineer, however his qualification is not listed in our HR records, as such, this information has been refused under section 17(e) of the Act that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it cannot be found.

The Council is taking full responsibility of the current situation of the streetlights as our historical process were not up to standards. Due to the nature and severity of the current situation, the Council will not be releasing the names of individuals that worked on the project. This has been withheld under sections:

- 7(2)(a) to protect the privacy of individuals.
- 7(2)(f)(ii) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment.

Please note that since 2018 the Council has reviewed and updated our project management practices. Large projects like the 2017 Streetlight Upgrade would now be managed at a Council level. This includes regular reporting, risk management, evidence-base checking, and Executive Leadership and Council oversight.

**Right of review**

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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