

3 August 2016

Mr Karl Webber Trustee Waiorua Bay Trust

By email: fyi-request-2905-f63e8702@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Webber

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 27 July 2015 regarding my letter of 24 July 2015. You advise that you want the application to the Council to undertake an activity on Kāpiti Island. Once again this response is issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

You have referred to an application to Council to undertake an activity on the land and state that it seems odd that information would be withheld from you.

I can advise that there is no requirement to apply for a resource consent in relation to the keeping of beehives on Kāpiti Island.

The Kapiti Coast District Council Keeping of Animals, Bees and Poultry Bylaw 2010 states that persons wishing to keep bees in an urban area are required to obtain permission from the Council. Kāpiti Island is not considered to be an urban area and therefore there is no requirement for Kāpiti Island Manuka Honey Ltd to seek permission under the bylaw.

We are unable to comment at this stage on the requirement for registration of the honey business, as our food team have not been contacted regarding registration, and we are assuming that the honey product is not being packaged or sold as yet.

I therefore advise that there was no additional information withheld from you in relation to your information request of 3 July 2015 and we believe there is no requirement for Kāpiti Island Manuka Honey Ltd to apply to Council regarding the establishment of bee keeping at the north end of Kāpiti Island at this time.

Yours sincerely

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