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By email to: fyi-request-3164-6e179534@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Hoogerwerf

Official Information Request Response

Thank you for your information request, submitted via the fyi.org.nz website, requesting information about the Tonkin & Taylor Sea Levels Rise Analysis paper, dated 2013.

In your request, you asked for the following:

- a copy of the terms of reference / scope / brief given to Tonkin & Taylor instructing them to prepare the Sea Level Rise Options Analysis dated 2013;
- a copy of the tender document issued to Tonkin & Taylor, and all other tender parties preceding the above instruction;

Please find attached a copy of the 'Request for Proposal – For Analysis of Options for Responding to Sea Level Rise' document that was distributed by the Council (the RFP).

Appendix Three of the RFP – Statement of Requirements – details the terms of reference of the work. This was provided, with the rest of the RFP to all parties who wished to consider tendering for the work.

- a list of all parties invited to tender;

The RFP was released in an open format, and any parties who wished could tender for the work.

- a list of all parties who provided a tender;

Parties who provided a tender:

AECOM	Next Space Ltd	BECA
SKM	Tonkin & Taylor	Landcare Research
Stevenson Turner	Sapere Research	Opus Consulting
University of Otago Centre for Sustainable Cities		

- the total amount paid to Tonkin & Taylor in consideration for preparing the above report;

The total paid to Tonkin & Taylor for the work was \$110,800.

- any correspondence with Tonkin & Taylor directing them to study the potential implications of sea level rise from 0.6 m to 3 m;

All instruction concerning the work was provided in appendix 3 of the RFP, as provided in response to questions 1 & 2.

- any information held by WCC which details the likelihood of a sea level rise in the scale of 0.6m to 3m.

The Council does not hold information detailing the likelihood of a sea level rise in the scale of 0.6m to 3m, other than the Tonkin & Taylor Sea Levels Rise Analysis paper.

However, the Council does have access to the Ministry for the Environment Climate Change information on its website - <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/climate-change>, and the report states the following in relation to predicted sea level rise, taken from MfE information:

Sea level rise projections for the next 100 years are based on the outputs of global emissions models. These models assume a range of emissions scenarios. Current government advice for responding to sea level rise is for New Zealand Councils to use a risk management approach and consider a 0.5m base value of sea level rise by 2090 relative to the 1980-1999 average sea level, with 10cm additionally per decade thereafter (MfE, 2008). MfE recommends that the consequences of a sea level rise of 0.8m should also be considered and recommends that scenarios above the 0.8m are also considered for planning beyond 2100 as well as for low probability / high consequence considerations.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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