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Tauranga City

BY EMAIL

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Dear Alex

INFORMATION REQUEST – SUBMISSION TO LAW COMMISSION REVIEW

We write in response to your email of Monday 30 July 2012 in which you requested the following:

“Recently your organisation submitted to the Law Commission’s review of the Official Information Act. I would like to request the following information under the OIA:

- *A copy of your submission*
- *All drafts, advice, and internal communications (including emails) relating to that submission.*

I would prefer to receive an electronic response...”

We have considered your request in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (“LGOIMA”) and respond as follows.

Please find enclosed:

- A copy of Council’s submission dated 9 December 2010 (including the email that was sent to the Law Commission on 10 December 2010 attaching the submission, and their emailed response sent the same day).
- A copy of the internal email sent by the Corporate Solicitor to the other three members of Council’s Legal Services Team (and copied to Dean Riley, Group Manager: Business Services and Christine Jones, who was Acting Chief Executive at the time).
- A copy of the draft letter referred to in that email. This was the only draft that was circulated for feedback prior to finalisation of the letter.

The Legal Services Team members provided verbal and/or handwritten feedback on the draft in response to the Corporate Solicitor’s email. This feedback was incorporated in to the final version sent to the Law Commission. The handwritten feedback was not retained following finalisation of the letter. Council does not hold any other advice or internal communications relating to the submission.

You have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman regarding Council’s decision on your official information request.

Yours faithfully

Cindy Gillman-Bate
CORPORATE SOLICITOR

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