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Our Reference: A288640  
Enquiries to: Anita Dawe

Dear Matthew

***LGOIMA Request – Use of Mediation in Planning & Consent Process***

We refer to the above request in your email dated 22 September 2016.

**Question 1 – In regard to RMA Schedule 1 cl 8AA;**

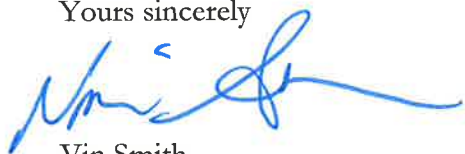
Number of clause 8AA meetings held in the last three years	<i>Two</i>
Number of instances where mediation has been used	<i>Two</i>
Where mediation was used how was the mediator appointed <i>appointed in each instance.</i>	<i>Council</i>
Was the mediator an independent mediator	<i>Yes</i>

**Question Two - In regard to RMA Schedule 99A.**

Number of clause 99A meetings held in the last three years	<i>None.</i>
Of those how many parties were in attendance	<i>Not applicable.</i>
Where mediation has been used how was the mediator appointed	<i>Not applicable.</i>
Was the mediator an independent mediator	<i>Not applicable.</i>
How many mediations where the mediator was an Environmental Commissioner	<i>Not applicable.</i>

We trust this response adequately addresses your questions. You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman if you believe information has been refused.

Yours sincerely



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