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LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your request received on Friday 22 December 2017 for the following information:

Please release the following information:

- 1. If any Council or Council Controlled Organisations staff use dowsing as part of their job*
 - 2. If any contractors employed by Council use dowsing as part of their work when engaged by the Council*
 - 3. If any dowsing companies explicitly offering dowsing services have been engaged by the Council.*
 - 4. For any of the above, what costs were incurred by the Council.*
- Please give me this information for as long as records are available.*

Please find below information relevant to your request, which we have released under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

1. We have Council staff that use number 8 wire to locate water laterals. I myself learnt the technique about 30 years ago but it is very much a hit and miss technique.
2. I have no records of any contractors employed by Council, in my time, who have used the dowsing technique. I have been with the Council for 13 years.
3. No there is not any company offering this service that we have engaged.
4. We have no records that show we have incurred costs for any of the above.

You have the right to seek a review of our response/these decisions by way of complaint to the Ombudsman, under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Yours sincerely



Garry Baker
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