



26 March 2013

Brett Shaw

Via email: fyi-request-771-780b87ef@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Brett

Official Information Act request – Auckland community project seed funding

Thank you for your Official Information Act request of 28 February 2013. You requested documents to show how money was recently allocated to seed community projects across Auckland Conservancy, including communications between officials showing which community projects were to be considered as part of this process.

For the 2012/2013 year the department has set aside funding to support new work on increasing engagement in conservation by others. It has been allocated to a suite of projects developed internally by the Conservancy, the purpose of which is to explore increasing involvement by new partners in conservation in new ways. The funding was not intended to be allocated as seed funding to existing community groups.

These projects have been set out in the “Auckland Engagement Growth Strategy”. A copy of this document is attached.

I have not included any internal communications between officials about development of the strategy because, as noted above, it was not an exercise to allocate funds between community groups.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Goddard', written over a faint horizontal line.

Sean Goddard
Auckland Conservator