

14 May 2019

Ref: OIA-4992

Viola Palmer
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Dear Viola

Thank you for your request of 11 April 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

'Since the Kapiti Expressway was built the flooding of the Muaupoko Stream at Greendale Reserve, Otaihanga, and the surrounding farm land has been worse. Could I please have the following information.

- 1. Why was the old culvert replaced?*
- 2. When was the new double culvert put in place?*
- 3. Is it temporary or permanent?*
- 4. Is there an intention to improve the outflow of the stream and mitigate flooding with a larger culvert?'*

The culverts were not replaced by the NZ Transport Agency and pre-date the works on the Expressway.

We have endeavoured to find out who has responsibility for the culvert in question, however both the Greater Wellington Regional Council and the Kāpiti Coast District Council have confirmed that they do not have responsibility for this culvert.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act: because the information requested is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either—

(i) held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority; or

(ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority:

There may be an increase in flooding due to the currently higher bed level of the Waikanae River. We are working with the Greater Wellington Regional Council with a view to lowering the bed level before the end of May.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Graham Taylor, Principal Project Manager, by email to graham.taylor@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Boyt', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Karen Boyt
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