

21 July 2022

Wayne Scott

Sent via email to fyi-request-19047-7b869af9@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Wayne,

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

We refer to your official information request dated 22 June 2022. You requested the following information from the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC):

- Please provide copies of all correspondence, including recollections of telephone calls or other like conversations, pertaining to Wayne Scott's official information request in relation to the pigeon island hut.

QLDC response

Decision to partially release information requested

QLDC has decided to grant your request for information in part.

To address your request, we have searched our archive system in relation to the official information request we received from you on 4 April 2022. This search has produced 68 emails, after removing the duplicates this left us with 49 emails to review. Out of these 17 emails included the emails we exchanged with you and the rest 33 were exchanged between the staff for collecting and preparing response for your request.

Below is a summary of the email archive searches we conducted.

- Date range: 4 April 2022 to 22 June 2022, AND
- The subject line of the email had to include all the following "LGOIMA", "Pigeon Island Hut"

We have made a couple of minor redactions in two emails that we have shared in our response, under section 7(2)(f)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Our rationale for the same has been explained in our response later.

Please see the below link for these emails here:

- [Emails](#)

We trust this response satisfactorily answers your request.

Decision to withhold remaining information requested

Free and frank expression of opinion

We have made a couple of minor redactions in two emails shared in the response, under section 7(2)(f)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Section 7(2)(f)(i) of the LGOIMA provides that good reason for withholding official information exists if the withholding of the information is necessary to 'maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority'. In this case, the emails include comments and expressions of our internal teams. If released, the future exchange of free and frank opinions when making a decision, could be inhibited and that inhibition would prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs at QLDC.

Right to review the above decision

Note that you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about this process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact Naell.Crosby-Roe@qldc.govt.nz (Governance & Stakeholder Services Manager).

Kind regards,



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Governance and official Information Advisor