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Kia ora Chris and Kate

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 19 May 2023. You requested the following information:

1. The register of waterfront hazards.
2. Reports on health and safety at the waterfront commissioned by Wellington City Council and Wellington Waterfront Limited (originally Lambton Harbour Management Limited).
3. Accident reports about people who have been drowned, killed or injured as a result of falls from heights greater than 1.0m at the waterfront.
4. Documents about council and subsidiary organisation(s) employees' responsibility as 'Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking' (PCBU) for safety from falling under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.
5. Communications with WorkSafe New Zealand about safety from falling at the waterfront
6. Any other safety improvements recommended to prevent falls from heights greater than 1.0m at the waterfront.

Wellington City Council has partly **granted** your request for information. Our decision on each request has been provided below:

1. Your request for the Waterfront hazards register is part of our health and safety register. This will take us some time to prepare the information for release, we hope to get this to you by 26 June 2023. Please note under section 7(2)(a) of the Act some information has been withheld to protect the privacy of individuals. Our records only go as far back as 2015, anything prior to 2015 has been refused under section 17(e) of the Act that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or despite reasonable efforts to locate it can not be found.
2. Request for health and safety reports on the Waterfront has been provided, please see attached. The oldest record that we could find regarding Waterfront safety report was from 2005, anything prior to 2005 has been refused under section 17(e) of the Act, that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or despite reasonable efforts to locate it can not be found.
3. The Council does not have accident reports, we have events registered into our health & safety register which will be provided to you soon. Your request for accident reports has been refused under section 17(e) of the Act, that the document alleged to contain the

information requested does not exist or despite reasonable efforts to locate it cannot be found.

4. There is no specific document related to “safety from falling”. The Council does have a “Our Statement of Commitment 2021” which outlines our staff responsibilities regarding Health & Safety for staff and other people. This encompasses all health and safety matters.
5. The Council does not hold communication with Worksafe regarding falling on the Waterfront. This part of your request has been refused under section 17(e) of the Act as the document to contain the information requested does not exist.
6. There are no other safety recommendations provided other than what has been listed in our reports.

Below are the documents that fall in scope of your request and my decision to release the document.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Document name/description</b>	<b>Decision</b>
1.	Waterfront Lighting Strategy 2005	Release
2.	Waterfront Edge Safety Assessment notes 2016	Release
3.	CPTED & IPTED Study - WCC Waterfront Operations 2016	Release
4.	Wellington Waterfront S&T Lighting Assessment - August 2022	Release
5.	Wellington Waterfront CPTED Report 2022	Release
6.	S&T Consultants Advice No 01 - Lighting Improvements Priority Recommendations - September 2022	Release
7.	Our Statement of Commitment 2021	Release

### **Right of review**

If you are not satisfied with the Council’s response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council’s decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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