

## Georgina Ellis

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**From:** Fiona Pratt  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2024 11:39 am  
**To:** Spencer Jellyman; Dylan Mason-Mckerrow  
**Subject:** RE: Pohe Island /Town basin Playground Poles

Hi Spencer

I have answered these questions before. I have supplied all I have. I do know that entire poles were removed and replaced in one area – the rope course thing close to the flying fox. This was done at contractor expense and prior to the soft fall going down. [REDACTED] should be able to tell you exactly which location.

Cheers

### Fiona Pratt

Capital Works Project Engineer | Transportation

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**Subject:** Fw: Pohe Island /Town basin Playground Poles

Hi Fiona, Dylan,

Hi Fiona,

Can you provide me with any communications you have made as requested below?

Dylan - can you supply can communications you have had in regards to the playground wood rot issue?

Cheers

Spencer Jellyman

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**From:** Louis Rattray <[louis.rattray@wdc.govt.nz](mailto:louis.rattray@wdc.govt.nz)>  
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**Subject:** FW: Pohe Island /Town basin Playground Poles

Morning Gents

Can yo0u please provide the required info for this LGOIMA. Note the deadline date of 10<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Many thanks Louis

**Louis Rattray**

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Wishing everyone a safe and  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**MERI KIRIHIMETE**

**Our offices will be closed from 4:00pm on 24 December until 6 January 2025.**

The time between 20 December to 10 January is excluded from our normal 20 working day processing of PIMs, building consents, resource consents and alcohol licensing.

**Please note:** the cut-off date has passed for the issuing of LIMs before Christmas.

**From:** LGOIMA - official information requests <[officialinformationrequests@wdc.govt.nz](mailto:officialinformationrequests@wdc.govt.nz)>  
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**Subject:** Pohe Island /Town basin Playground Poles

Hi Team, (Information due back to me by Friday January 10<sup>th</sup>)

We have had further questions sent to us in reply to a response we sent out OIA241411 – Timber playground Equipment. (I have supplied a copy of that response along with the documents that went with it for your reference).

I have highlighted the questions/information being asked for below.

Any questions please let me know.

Thanks

Georgie.

Dear Whangarei District Council,

I am writing to formally request information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 regarding the Pohe Island Playground. This request is a follow-up to the Council's previous response and seeks additional details and clarifications.

**Information Requested:**

All communications between Fiona Pratt and Playground Centre prior to February 21st, 2024.

A copy of the annual playground inspections report mentioned by Dean Hawkins in his email to Nigel Jeremy on 21st February 2024. Additionally, please provide any prior and subsequent annual playground inspection reports for the Pohe Island Playground.

Details of all repairs carried out on the playground since the last communication in your response, between Michal Maddox and Dean Hawkins on 15th August 2024.

Questions Requiring Responses:

The rot shown at the foot of the posts in the images on pages 38-41 of your reply appears severe. Louis Rattray states in his email dated 21st February:

“If this was identified at the time of construction, it should be considered a defect and replaced by the supplier. The level of borer activity is now such that they should be replaced with urgency.”

**I would like to know:**

Have any of the timber poles at Pohe Island Playground been completely replaced due to the rot?  
Has any investigation been conducted into the extent of the rot below the rubber matting?

Dean Hawkins' email of 8th April 2024 mentions that he has not yet spoken to an engineer but has consulted WDC building inspectors.

**I would like to know:**

Has the playground, and specifically the poles in the flying fox area identified with rot, been assessed by an engineer to confirm that they are structurally sound and meet the NZ Building Code?

If not, why not?

**Can the Council provide assurances to the public that the equipment with rotten posts meets the requirements of both the NZ playground safety standards and the NZ Building Code?**