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LGOIMA 26-032

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Tēnā koe Brenda

Request for information

Thank you for your request of 8 February 2025, made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA – the Act) for the following:

Requesting surveillance recording and any staff camera recordings of the morning of the failure of the moa point treatment plant last week.

Your request is responded to in accordance with the Act.

Your request is refused under:

- Section 7(2)(i) of LGOIMA, which allows information to be withheld where this is necessary to enable a local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial negotiations).
- Section 7(2)(b)(ii), which allows information to be withheld where making it available would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of the information.
- Section 7(2)(c), to protect information which is the subject of an obligation of confidence and making the information available would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information.

The footage requested relates to an incident that is currently the subject of a number of commercial and regulatory negotiations and discussions. Release of the recordings at this stage could prejudice or disadvantage Wellington Water's ability to manage those matters.

While there is a public interest in transparency regarding wastewater discharge events and the operation of critical infrastructure, Wellington Water considers that in this case that interest does not outweigh the reason to withhold in this case.

Please note that it is our policy to publicly release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/about-us/official-requests/official-information-act-responses/> with any personal information removed.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email us at official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz

Nāku noa, nā



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