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Dear Matthew,

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Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987: Request for information

I refer to your email dated 22/09/2016 requesting information on use of mediation in planning and consent process. Your request has been referred to me to reply and the response is as follows:

With regard to RMA Schedule 1 cl 8AA: How many RMA Schedule 1 clause 8AA meetings have been held during the last three years, and of those how many instances of where mediation (sub clause (3)) has been used. Where mediation has been used, was the mediator appointed by the council, or agreed upon by the parties? Was the mediator an independent mediator?

Planning has used neither form of mediation in the last three years.

With regard to RMA s 99A: How many RMA s 99A mediation meetings have been held during the last three years? Of these, how many parties were in attendance (e.g. 10 mediations had 2 parties; 5 mediations had 3 parties; 12 mediations had 4 parties; etc). Where mediation has been used, was the mediator appointed by the council, or agreed upon by the parties? Was the mediator an independent mediator? How many mediations were held were the mediator is an Environmental Commissioner?

No mediation meetings have been held in the last three years as per s99A.

You will be aware that if you are not satisfied with this response you are able to refer this matter to the Office of the Ombudsman under s27 (3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Ashleigh Hambling in the first instance (Ashleigh.Hambling@ecan.govt.nz or 033459312)

Yours sincerely,



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