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Dear Mr Hawkins

Request for information

I refer to your request (23 September 2016) for information relating to use of mediation in planning and consent process. The Council has decided to release the information requested and our 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?

We have not been involved in any proposed plans 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 where the mediator is an Environmental Commissioner?

Attached is a list of the consents (last 10 years) we have successfully resolved using s.99 prehearings. The Council does not use s.99A mediation.

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 response, please feel free to contact Fred McLay, Director—
Resource Management [fred.mclay@trc.govt.nz].

Yours faithfully
BG Chamberlain
Chief Executive

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A D McLay', with a horizontal line underneath.

per: A D McLay
Director - Resource Management