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Dear Dan

Official Information Request

I refer to your letter received by the Council on 23 December 2002, immediately prior to the holiday break.

You have requested information so that you can prepare a submission with regard to your objections 1 and 2 given in your letter.

We would comment as follows:

1. First Request

- All Council and Committee reports and minutes can be found on the Council's web site www.gw.govt.nz
- You have incorrectly assumed that the council electronically records all information held on file. We can search our outgoing mail and file titles but not file contents.
- From the Council's viewpoint you are a prolific letter writer and faxer and will therefore hold most information with your name as well as that relating to Te Awaiti Station. There seems little point in duplicating this.
- Your request regarding the Wairarapa coast and aquaculture are considered too broad to action.
- As files are in regular use and your request is so wide, we are unable to forward files to Wellington. I also note the last time this was done at some inconvenience; you did not in fact view the files.
- The Aquaculture Moratorium Act can be purchased from the Government Bookshop.

We consider the best approach is:

- (a) You view the Council's web site.
- (b) You review your own files of correspondence with the Council.
- (c) You make an appointment to visit the Masterton office and view files that may hold information that you have requested. Photocopying of items will be charged under the Council policy. Similarly staff time in excess of the initial free assistance time would be charged. Payment would be required on that day.
- (d) You make an appointment with Nicola Shorten to view relevant files held at the Wellington office. The same charging requirements would apply.

2. Second Request

You were advised in my letter of 11 July 2002 that the likely cost of responding to your request of 19 June 2002 was \$1306.00. Until such time as this payment is received, the Council is not willing to provide this information.

3. Third Request

Any person has the right to access rules that pertain to decisions regarding individuals, subject to Sections 6, 7(2)(a), (b), (c), (h), and (i), 8, and 44 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. You are welcome to do so.

You should make an appointment with either office to view such documents. Prior notice of the particular areas you wish to see would be helpful. It appears that the Consents Manual, the Resource Management Charging Policy, the Regional Policy Statement, Regional Plans and the Delegations Manual are likely to be required.

4. Fourth Request

With reference to your two objections, our belief is that you have been provided with the findings of material issues of fact and the reasons for the decisions, other than legal advice which we withhold.

5. Fifth Request

This request is not considered to be reasonable. Council believes it has fairly and properly applied and worked within the law. You have lodged objections that may proceed to the courts. It is your prerogative to review Council's actions in light of legal requirements and case law.

6. Sixth Request

The information relating to this is contained in my letter to you of 27 November 2002, with supporting documents held on file. No consideration was given to waiver time

limits as consent application pertaining to marine aquaculture was not received and remains so.

With respect of your written notes on my letter of 11 February 2002, I have discussed the matters you raise with Colin Wright. I confirm that ten minutes is considered to be adequate time for you to speak to your objections and the Committee will be considering the objections on that meeting day. Your request for an adjournment has been declined.

Yours faithfully

Steve Blakemore
Manager, Planning & Resources